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The Visible of the Invisible Empire

"The Maelstrom"

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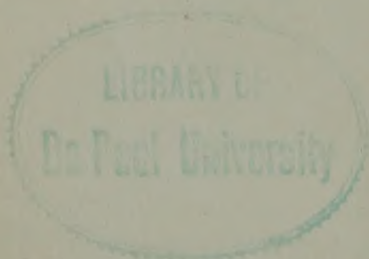
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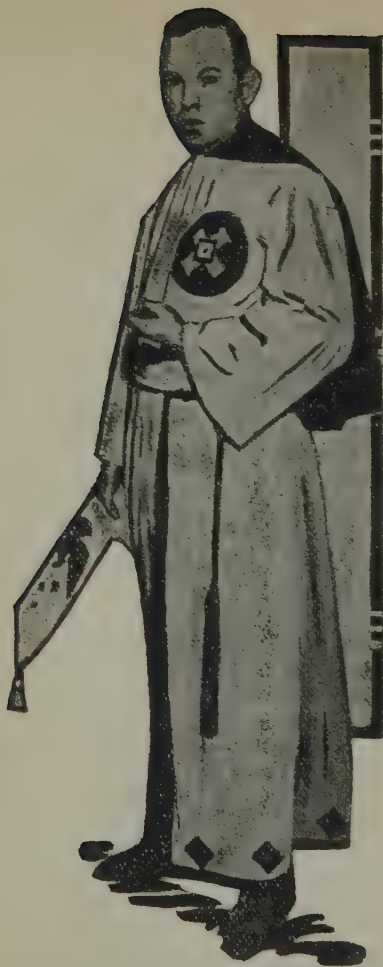
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Klansmen are completely deceived relative to their own organization and its ideals. . . . They are bewildered in a maelstrom of propaganda. . . . We must assume an attitude of reason and tolerance toward the rank and file of the Ku Klux Klan, and to the best of our ability advise them as to the truth, thus giving them food for thought.

G. LA D.



Edgar I. Fuller, doffing the
hood of cowardice

FULLER'S RESIGNATION

To the Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan—

Sir: I have spent the last seven weeks investigating and checking up the affairs of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and, after careful study and due consideration, I find, as an American citizen and as a God-fearing Christian, I can no longer respect the organization which you head.

It is my opinion that education is the only weapon to which should be entrusted the task of combating the problems of our day, against some of which the Ku Klux Klan is popularly supposed to be aligned. Education has the power to effect the righteous aims of all such movements, while condemning those that are unrighteous. America cannot afford to tolerate any influence which emulates the methods of the Spanish inquisition or sets at naught its own institutions.

Therefore, I herewith tender you my resignation as an official of the Realm of California and as a citizen of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

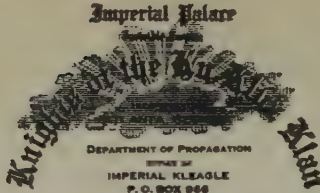
I have fully realized my error, and am taking this means of lifting the "sign of secrecy," calling on all honest men who are members of this organization, or in any way connected with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, to do likewise.

May God have mercy on your soul.

(Signed) EDGAR I. FULLER.

THE MOST SUBLINE LINEAGE IN ALL HISTORY

COMMEMORATING AND PERPETUATING AS IT DOES
THE MOST BAUNTLESS ORGANIZATION
KNOWN TO MAN."



ATLANTA, GA.
March 1st. 1923.

To whom it may concern:-

This is to certify that the records of Edgar I. Fuller,
as representative of the Department of Propagation
have been checked, and that he remitted all monies due
this Department and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in
regular way, and this is a receipt in full for same.

Department of Propagation,

E. J. Jones
E. J. Jones, Cashier.
John P. Jones Witness

IN THE NAME OF OUR FATHERS—FOR OUR COUNTRY, OUR HOMES AND EACH OTHER

The Gathering of the Maelstrom



No man can term himself free if he throws his freedom to the four winds.

FOREWORD

THE words Ku Klux Klan are nothing. Nor is the mere organization of the Invisible Empire. important, except as a temporary and fleeting agency of an immortal conspiracy against mankind. But the motive-spirit epitomized in the words is the world-old antithet of "free moral agency" and is as important as Freedom itself. That spirit has immersed humanity in blood and tears a thousand times, and with it the lion-hearted have striven on each well-remembered field and the intellectual patriot has wrestled in every worthy forum.

The "spirit," essentially, partakes of the genius of fraud and cannot be defined—it is "as broad and general as the casing air." It ignores races and nations—except as it presently selects immediate victims; it claims no religion for its own—except as a passing agency of persecution; no government receives its allegiance, save as that government may be driven by it as an engine of tyranny. And in all things it is Machiavellian—with the important distinction that its ends are uniformly based. When the "spirit" moves, if an implement shaped aright is at hand—well and good—that implement is seized and used, whether it be a befouled church, a degenerate religion, a venal or idiotic clergyman or an intellectual prostitute of some other persuasion, or a tyrannic, weak or corrupt government, or what not; and if a suitable instrument cannot be found then, Iniquity's womb generates and the appropriate child of Sin stands forth. Hence, civil government, churches and religion, organizations and individuals disconnected from government or religion, have wrought, successfully, the havoc decreed by Evil Genius. One day a session of judges and lawyers pronounced the Christ guiltless, whereupon the politi-

cal-preachers aroused the rabble and demanded his blood; another day the churchmen accused Paul of sedition and demanded his life without trial or confrontation of witnesses, but Fetus accords him "due process of the law," and his cowardly accusers became invisible. Nero burned Rome and basely accused the Christians of the arson; the Tiber was polluted with the bodies of the purest of mankind—ghastly tributes to bigotry guised in the form of law.

And, so, the sorry tale is told down to this enlightened day, when neither church nor government can be found to carry on the hellish work—and the super-church and super-government of the Invisible Empire weights down the mangled body of Watt Daniels in the slime of Lake La Fourche. Because of some strange perversity, the engineers of the oppression and torture are always masked in the lofty claims of high purpose and piety. The Pharisee praised God that he was not like other men. Before the great light smote Paul, "after the most strictest sect of our religion" he lived a Pharisee, he was "zealous toward God." The blood-guilty in the crucifixion no doubt proclaimed themselves vice-regents of Deity. And the Ku Klux Klan, in its subversion of visible government, its perpetration of flagrant outrages upon citizens, in its stuffing of ballot-boxes, its seduction of ministers and officers, its prostitution of religion, in its protection of lawless and profligate men, pronounces all things as done in the name of the Lord!

All evidence justifies the belief that the spirit of persecution is immortal and ubiquitous. And the history of thirty centuries impels this sad commentary on human nature. At any time, and anywhere, men and women, in multitudes, can be found willing to do its work. Nor do its millions observe state or stage of enlightenment. Its doctrines find lodgment in the hearts of the high as well as the low, and the educated join the ignorant in its train. That the early Christians were guilty of the monstrous crimes charged and justly

bore the barbarous penalties inflicted, was believed by the ignorant, of course; but the belief was shared by such world figures as Tacitus, the historian; Trojan, the prince, and the philosopher, Pliny. He who gave to mankind the glory and the beauty of "Paradise Lost," through some mysterious perversity, devoted his great talent at once to the defence of liberty of conscience generally and to the denial of the same freedom to the Irish—the man who, with sword and fagot, drove the "curse of Cromwell" through the devoted isle, wore the diadem of Milton's praise. Calvin was a master of thought—and a murderer for "conscience' sake." St. Francis Xavier was a great writer, a deeply pious man, and the author of the Spanish inquisition. The great talents of Paul were first given to monstrous atrocities: "And I persecuted this way until death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women." (Acts 22:4; Acts 26:10.) There is, therefore, no surprise in the sorry fact that many enlightened men and women will be found at this late day joining with the rag-tag and bob-tail in applauding the divers outrages and mendacities of the Invisible Empire. It was ever thus; and thus it will be until, at least, the great heart of humanity is purged of all elements of diabolism and the mental wanton is known no more. But, with the merely ignorant and the intellectual pervert, the Ku Klux Klan—as is true of all machines of intolerance—finds a third recruit in the ordinary hypocrite. For the persons so minded, the easiest thing in the world to do is to feign hostility against an unpopular religion or a numerically inferior or a helpless race, and against those who—though not devotees of the religion or members of the race—defend the right of religion to exist, and laws that guarantee liberty to the victimized race. Because prejudice against the Catholic church and the Jew and the foreigner is widespread and deep-seated in many sections of the country, the hosts of the Invisible Empire will be found to include thousands of base creatures who—

"Crook the pregnant hinges of the knees
When thrift may follow fawning"—

and whose mendacities do not have even the poor excuse of ignorance or misguided sincerity. The expectation of reward—generally by way of immunity for lawlessness and immorality, or by way of political advancement—is the lode-stone drawing this base metal. The super-hypocrite becomes the ultra-pious man when and wherever opposition to a particular creed or race is made a virtue.

Because of these things, the pernicious doctrines of the Klan make an effective appeal to a substantial proportion of the people; its recruiting sources are not provincial and are and always will be productive of tremendous man-power. This, of course, explains the considerable membership, and—plus the fact of close organization—explains the more considerable influence. And while the yields of the present sources of supply are great, these sources are easily susceptible of intensive cultivation. Prejudice feeds upon itself and enjoys rank growth; given voice and direction by an organized force, it is ever a substantial menace. The achievements already accomplished in various localities merely shadow-forth what may result in many another, if not in all other, sections; and those accomplishments, interpreted in the light of centuries of experience, demonstrate that the Invisible Empire in no section is a hoax to be laughed out of probable existence elsewhere. Its present membership, five million two hundred thousand, with the highly possible extension of both man-power and field of operations, presents a national peril.

But if we could now be assured of no further increase of membership in the sympathizers with the Ku Klux Klan, the nature of the thing—as established by its deeds—would still demand repulsion. Reason and experience confirm the declaration that the natural tendency of bigotry is toward wild extravagance. Every movement driven by intolerance begins noiselessly; it feels its way, and its deeds of violence in-

crease in number and ferocity in direct proportion. But its years; "there is nothing less alarming in infancy nor nothing more terrible in maturity," nor is the reaction of the "movement" upon its supporters different or less marked; the thirst for illicit power and blood grows with each partial satisfaction. Robespierre "resigned a country judgeship in early life because he was too tender-hearted to pronounce sentence of death upon a convicted criminal." And Caligula was a most amiable young man before he was clothed with royal purple. Ordinary sense, therefore, will make plain the truth that the sheeted Empire's executor of today is an angel of light and mercy compared with its minion who will engineer the machine of torture and death tomorrow. Once embarked upon its established course, the reason of enterprise rebels at stopping—the movement must go forward with ever-mounting hatreds and fury, or it will die. Roger Williams knew this for truth at Boston. Said he: "You begin by reviling your erring brethren; you will end by taking their lives; for you are on a path where there is no halting place." The Klan must either completely abandon the practices which have brought to it life and usurped authority, or it must speedily come to the point when

"Masterless Passion sways us to the mood of what
it likes or loathes."

We may not reasonably expect the abdication of illicit power; but we need anticipate lawless conduct intensified to unspeakable barbarity in nature and multiplied tenfold in occasion—at least in those communities where the government has or may put off the visibility of the constitution and put on the "Imperial Purple" whose function it is

"To mask the business from the common eye."

"It is idle folly to let loose the war-dogs of religious bigotry, hiss them on their victims, and then expect them to be content with barking. It is their nature

ear the flesh, and mangle the limbs, and lap the life-blood; and if you desire them not to do so, keep them chained up."

Because the spirit of the constitution is utterly opposed to the genius of intolerance and oppression, the constitution must be destroyed if the ambitions of the Empire are to be achieved. And, because the "citizens" of the mysterious kingdom are not yet numerous enough to attempt open rebellion, the more dangerous scheme of the insidious subversion is being tried. The astounding success of this attempt in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana, Colorado, and elsewhere, in spite of the plain facts that the overwhelming majority of the people of those states have no patience with the Klan's objective, illustrates the peril of the enterprise. Broadly speaking, the ultimate strategy is to capture the agencies of the visible government through clandestine attack within the walls, and then to shackle conscience through the partisan operation of the mere forms of law—those attacks being masked, always, by verbal barrages for the maintenance of "one hundred per cent Americanism," "the better enforcement of the law," "supporting the tenets of the Christian religion," "white supremacy," et cetera. Mere forms of law are the favored implements of tyranny everywhere; the safety of primal self-defence were far better than the treachery of a law from which the spirit has departed. Here, as elsewhere,

"The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

This whole plan and its threats at liberty are plainly seen in every species of the Klan's activities.

It is, of course, not to be thought that the acts of oppression and barbarities already perpetrated by citizens and sympathizers of the Invisible Empire have been done through the agencies of law—some of those things have, no doubt, been accomplished through "direct action" of those clothed with authority of law, but most of them have been done by persons

and gangsters who did not pretend official power. But all things have been done with the expectation, if not the assurance, that the criminals, if apprehended, at the worst would secure immunity through prosecutions and trials so conducted as to insure acquittals.

The gravity of the offense involved in the subversion of the constitution is comparable to and measurable by the infamy of destroying, in one decade, the fruit of centuries of unremitting toil for liberty. Our generation has become accustomed to viewing the blessings of an orderly government, of law, as a matter of course. The tendency for years has been to forget that this freedom descended to us, and that it can only be preserved through vigilant and unceasing struggle.

We think the great heart of our people is sound, and that treasonable conspiracy cannot long operate in the country. Let the facts of any emergency be known and pondered—the resultant voice of Americanism will command a willing people:

“ . . . then stand you up,
Shielded, and helmed, and weaponed with the truth,
And drive before you into uttermost shame
These recreant caitiffs.”

We borrow the thought of a master mind:

“But before I say the last word, let me appeal to you that we leave this firmly and highly resolved, that we will not hereafter neglect our duty to our country, whatever else we may neglect. I know the dangers which now confront us; but I am an optimist; I believe in my country; and I believe in my countrymen. I will not believe—I cannot believe—that they will permit these free institutions to be destroyed. If we will not save them for our own sake, we must save them for the sake of our children and our children’s children. This government is not ours to do with as we please; and we shall stand accursed by generations yet unborn, if we fail to execute that trust according to the will of our sainted fathers.”

This government of the people, and by the people, shall not perish from the earth; and this great republic, born of the sacrifices and consecrated by the blood of patriots, shall live to teach the world, by its example,

that men are capable of self-government and that under such government liberty can be preserved without destroying order, and order can be preserved without destroying liberty.

CHAPTER I

AN EMPIRE CONCEIVED IN SIN AND BORN IN INIQUITY

~~X~~A malformed and monstrous thing, the Klan, was founded in hate and intolerance. ~~X~~All of its propagation has been done through sham and fraud. No element of reality or genuineness has entered into the making of the Invisible Empire. The organization has grown to its present enormous proportions through pretense in profession.

One hundred per cent Americanism was the claim made for members of the order; and yet an Invisible Empire, with an autocratic Emperor was established in the midst of a democracy, and tyrannical power has been exercised over American citizens such as crowned tyrants never wielded. Christianity, as taught by the Protestant church, was espoused by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, but the men who have directed the Klan's affairs, not only in the central organization, but also in realms throughout the nation have been profane, irreverent, sacrilegious and blasphemous. In all the history of the rise and fall of institutions that have challenged the attention and enlisted the allegiance of men, nothing has ever risen in ancient, medieval, or modern times to compare with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in its system of sham and pretense. The whole thing would be ridiculous, if it were not so monstrous. It would be a huge joke, if it were not so menacing. William Joseph Simmons, as founder, Emperor and Imperial Wizard of the order, is an unreal and fictitious personality, conceived in the rum-soaked imagination of Edward Young Clarke. When Clarke came into the organization, because of his ability to organize men and movements, he immediately discovered that Simmons

possessed none of the qualities to lead a great movement or to effect a great organization of men. Clarke, then and there, made his plans to create a fictitious Simmons and to sell him to the American people. He laid his plans carefully and succeeded in concealing Simmons from the public gaze, and to arrest all of his public appearances, while he proceeded to create and then offer to the American people an extraordinary man, capable of world-wide vision, and of unifying the white peoples of the earth in one great fraternity. It is to this conception of Simmons, given to the public continuously by E. Y. Clarke for a period of more than two years—the picture of a man marvelously endowed and gifted almost beyond mortal ken—that a large majority of Klansmen swore allegiance.

Clarke had much difficulty in keeping his imaginary wizard in seclusion. Occasionally, Simmons would break through the restrictions and show himself to the American people. Wherever he appeared and whenever he spoke there was an immediate reaction against his leadership. His speech betrayed him. His manners contradicted everything Clarke had said about him.

Clarke had built the leader of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan like the image of Nebuchadnezzar—head of gold, bust of silver, legs of brass and feet of clay. It was the mud foundation that gave Clarke all his trouble in keeping his Emperor established. Every time he used his feet, there was a downfall of the idol.

E. Y. Clarke was a modern disciple of Barnum. It was never his purpose to offer the people anything in a simple, direct, honest way. He wove complicated plans from his imagination and made them as mystical and as mysterious as possible to appeal to the curious in human nature. All of his methods were subterranean and devious, all of his offerings were cloaked with promises that he never meant to keep, and with benefits that he could not bestow. Clarke was imbued with the idea that deception and misrepresentation were the

quickest and most profitable ways to the purse of the American people, and regardless of the consequences, should the exposure come, if money had been made from the transaction. Results were to be obtained and explanations could be made after the program had been consummated. He was never a man of mental honesty. He was not a sane thinker. There was an unsound part in his mind. His vision could and did sweep the universe, but never discovered difficulties and obstacles in the way of reaching his objective. When progress was arrested by impediments or by obstructions, he never tarried to remove things in the pathway that led to his goal, but evaded them and scaled them in the flight of his imagination. To a few men of unusual ability or promise, Clarke unfolded his schemes for building the Invisible Empire, and added new departments that would further impose upon the credulity of the people and tax their resources. There was nothing that the imagination of Clarke would suggest that he did not attempt to introduce into the building of the Invisible Empire if there were a possibility of selling it to the American people, either as a fraternal proposition or as a mystical enterprise.

In the last analysis, whatever emanates from the men who have founded and builded the Klan, this one thing is true: Money, easily and quickly to be had, is the sole objective. Both the Democratic and Republican parties have been and are being exploited. Dr. Evans threw the full measure of the Klan's resources in men and money into the campaign to nominate William G. McAdoo as the Democratic candidate for president, and at the same time consorted with the United States senators and governors and distinguished representatives of the Republican party under the pretense of delivering the Klan vote to that party. E. Y. Clarke undertook to contract with Will Hayes and Fred N. Upham to deliver the southern states to the Republican party for a consideration, and later represented that he had confidential interviews and under-

standings with the president of the United States. They are "all things to all men" for the price of the Klecktokon. These men have neither loyalty to the bedrock principles of democracy or adherence to the elastic policies of republicanism. They are for either party or both parties, or neither party, according to the opportunities that are presented in political campaigns to exploit all parties.

This disposition on the part of Clarke to dupe the American people by trickery and chicanery was his undoing. He had committed to his hands an organization that was miserably conceived and then projected in violence and meanness, but which had in it possibilities of a great American institution. Had it been properly directed and reformed at the time it was committed to him, it could have been constructed into a vast organization of worthy, upright, patriotic citizens. He rather gloried in the deformity of the thing and continued to feed it with the food that the monster craved.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler (deceased) was the friend, companion, associate, and partner of E. Y. Clarke in all of his enterprises of exploitation. They planned and intrigued together and shared the responsibilities and the spoils of their conquest. Mrs. Tyler was an extraordinary woman. She was untaught, but endowed with unusual mentality. She was ambitious, but continued in associations that were degrading. She was identified with a number of places in the city of Atlanta and frequently changed her residence because of the objections and complaints lodged with the police department about the conduct of her establishments. She seems to have been frugal, withal, and from her savings financed the early and difficult stages of propagating the Klan. At her death, in Los Angeles, she was reputed to have salvaged more than three-quarters of a million dollars from her Klan activities.

E. Y. Clarke and Mrs. Tyler together demonstrated wonderful ability to meet exigencies, and to turn them

to their own benefit. Nothing ever happened during the early and more troublous days of the organization of an untoward nature that was not seized and turned to the advantage of the organization. The exposure by the *New York World* and the associated newspapers was the making of the Klan. With great adroitness Clarke and Mrs. Tyler turned the attack of the *World* and put that paper in the attitude of representing sectarian and un-American elements. Immediately there was a response to the Klan from every part of the country and from even remote sections, where no propaganda had been spread and no organizer had gone. Large numbers of applications were sent by mail for membership, and not a few were clipped fac-simile blanks, printed in the *World* and other newspapers, signed by candidates and sent to headquarters. The *World* and its combination of papers did more to spread the Klan throughout the nation than all the propaganda that Clarke and Mrs. Tyler could have devised in years. The results, however, were due to the skill and shrewdness of the promoters in using their foes to the advantage of the cause.

An atmosphere of danger was created, and the leaders of the Klan movement were made to appear threatened and imperiled. The impression was broadcast that there were continuous intriguing, and conspirings against the life of Simmons and Clarke, and that repeated attempts had been made to murder them. It was represented that they had narrowly escaped in many instances assassination by gun-fire, and Simmons had on more than one occasion found poison mixed in his corn whiskey. Nothing but his copper-lined interior prevented the strychnine in the corn from bringing his career as the builder of an Empire to an ignominious end. His convivial habits of taking a drink whenever offered and by whomsoever, without regard to the after-effect, was never abated.

Propaganda was widely distributed to the effect that the Palace was marked, as were the promoters of

the Klan; armed men were stationed about the Imperial Capitol and, by day and night, they protected the property from attack and invasion by the imaginary enemies of the cause. Many of these men were selected for service because of their skill in handling guns, and some of them had long records as killers in Texas and other western states. Simmons was surrounded by an armed body-guard that accompanied him continuously, and a cordon of pickets was thrown about his home and did constant duty by day and night. Simmons' home became an arsenal. He took pride in exhibiting more than seventeen varieties of deadly weapons. He goes armed at all times, and boasts his skill in the use of fire-arms.

Likewise, at the Palace, all sorts of implements for killing men were installed, including hundreds of daggers made to order by Imperial regulations and specifications, and all the men charged with the defense of the Palace were equipped with these ugly knives in addition to their guns. Among the equipment at the Palace are a number of Maxim silencers. Why these silencers were placed in the Palace for defense is not easily explainable. They are supposed never to be used except for the purpose of assassination. There is no reason why men should silence the reports of their firearms while defending their premises.

As a matter of fact, none of the men and none of the property of the organization was ever threatened by any sort of danger. Never was an attempt at injury made on the life of a man or on the property of the order from any source, whatever. Interest, however, was stimulated by the creation of an atmosphere of danger, and hostility was engendered against the groups and sects of citizens who were supposed to be plotting the destruction of the order by violence.

Whenever a community quieted down to peaceable pursuits, these men instigated trouble in order to bring the Klan to public attention. Sometimes the leaders arranged for spectacular demonstrations against them-

selves and their property by paid hirelings, in order to get sensational space in the newspapers. A notable instance is that of the firing upon Mrs. Tyler's mansion by the paid representative of E. Y. Clarke and Mrs. Tyler. In that case, a Greek by the name of Poulos was engaged to fire a fusillade of bullets into the home of Mrs. Tyler, that the representation might be made of an attempt to assassinate her in her home. It was a bungling job, and deceived no one. Later, the pistol that was used in the firing was found in a shallow lake on Mrs. Tyler's premises, where Poulos had flung it, and was easily identified as the property of a local politician (Billy Brandt), closely identified with Clarke and Tyler.

Atlanta, Ga., October 11, 1921.

MEMORANDUM:

To N. M. Furney, Cashier.
From Elizabeth Tyler.

Kindly make check to Mr. J. O. Wood for \$190.00 to cover items below:

Paid Mr. W. H. Haemes.....	\$ 45.00
Paid Mr. G. A. Poulos.....	145.00
	\$190.00

The above was for work in the department of investigation and has already been paid by Mr. Wood personally and a check to him for above amount would be appreciated.

CHAPTER II

THE KU KLUX KLAN AND ITS FOUNDERS

Jonathan B. Frost, formerly head of the Woodmen of the World in Atlanta, Georgia, was editing a magazine emphasizing racial distinctions and limitations. He saw in the name "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" an opportunity to organize a fraternal organization and have access to the press. This plan was taken to a convention of the Woodmen of the World and was there presented. Simmons enlisted himself as an organizer of the Ku Klux Klan for Frost. They formed a partnership and together started the organization upon its conquest of the American nation. Frost became embroiled in litigation in the Georgia courts and was forced to cease his activities. Simmons stole the idea in its entirety and subsequently broke with Frost. At a later date this controversy between Frost and Simmons went into the courts and Simmons came out of the contest with the ritual and other literature which Frost, a man of some gifts and education, had prepared.

All the story told by Simmons, of the visions of his youth taking form, is a myth. There is nothing in Simmons' career from which a great patriotic fraternal order could come. If he dreamed at all, it was the fitful stirring of delirium in a diseased mind. Had a vision come to him such as to Moses in Midia, he could not have organized the vision into any useful or practical service to humanity. Everything in his life contradicts his claim. He has been characterized by physical laziness, mental inertia and moral insensibility from his childhood.

He claims to have attended the University of Alabama for a short period. There is no evidence of even

elementary training in his mental furnishings. He is uninformed even in current events. He joined the Methodist itinerancy in Alabama and continued in that service for a few years. His appointment was changed every year because of the complaints that came up every year from his parishioners of his unsatisfactory service. He was discontinued, while yet on trial, because of his inefficiency and unreliability, with grave rumors as to his moral conduct.

Subsequently he had a nervous breakdown, and for a period of two years there was a mental hiatus. Constant attention and surveillance was required to care for and protect him. In the meantime, members of his family were running a boarding-house in the city of Birmingham and eked out a small means for the daily needs. He emerged from this disorder and engaged in peddling garters. He seemed not to have been successful in the enterprise, and claims that the men with whom he was associated in business failed to recognize and appreciate his ability and value as a salesman. He was then engaged by Jonathan B. Frost to organize the Woodmen of the World in Alabama and Georgia. He went from place to place, enlisting members of this order and soliciting insurance. It was in this organization that he earned the right to wear the title of "Colonel," which someone has so aptly described as having been won "in the bloody conflicts of lodge forums."

Never was a man upon the face of the earth cloaked with such absolutism as was granted to the Imperial Wizard by both the first and second constitutions for the government of the order. No such allegiance was ever sworn to any sovereign in the world as that required by Simmons, as the head of the order. Simmons, at the very beginning, undertook to vest in himself almightiness. He sought to "grasp the broken sceptre of an unsuccessful God" and bind men in subserviency to his authority and in obedience to his dictates above, beyond and outside any of the obligations and loyalties of human life.

Simmons' habits might be characterized as not only lazy but lax, the same weakness and vices have characterized him everywhere. He was recently banished from the Klan on the charge of habit and shameless drunkenness. To this charge might easily have been added others much more serious, but the Grand Dragons, who recommended his banishment, contented themselves with the following recommendations:

" . . . That, as your Grand Dragons are informed and believe, and upon such information and belief, charge the following facts:

"The said William Joseph Simmons, unmindful of the high duties of his office and of his oath of allegiance to this order, has during the year 1923 been guilty of many and diverse and sundry moral delinquencies. . . . Being in such a state of intoxication on innumerable occasions as to render the said William Joseph Simmons incompetent to sanely think or act, and the frequency of such delinquencies being such as to constitute the said William Joseph Simmons a common drunkard, wholly unsuited and unfitted for the high office of Emperor of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

The whole thought of Simmons runs to women and liquor. Both had been supplied by the men who surrounded him and took orders from him. All of the scandal in Houston, Texas, and besmirching was due to his quest of lewd companionship, only his part in the orgy has not been told. The affidavits setting forth the details of his conduct with Burdine Cook, an eighteen-year-old girl, are too shocking and revolting for the public gaze. The sworn statements charge practices on the part of Simmons which cannot be stated in any form of polite speech. An attempt was made to arrest him when he was touring Texas in July, 1923. Warrants were issued for his apprehension, charging, categorically, the crimes against decency named in the affidavits. There was probably no thought of convicting him in the absence of a statute, but the purpose was to expose him in his deformity to the public. All that time, as well as at the time the alleged offenses were committed, he was in Texas preaching "the sanctity

of American womanhood." Texas resented his pratings about the chastity of women, delivered from the outlaw resorts and companies of the prodigal and abandoned remnants of society. His arrest was not effected, however, due to the successful maneuvering of Capt. Morris Moore, who, at that time, was a Texas ranger in the service of his state. Moore escorted Simmons around the city of Houston in an automobile while the officers of the law, armed with warrants, expected to find him and apprehend him on a railroad train. When asked by his attorney, the late Capt. W. S. Coburn, what defense he proposed to make if he were hailed before a tribunal of justice to answer these charges, Simmons replied: "There is where I put one over on them. There is no law against that sort of thing in Texas." Evidently the clean-minded frontiersmen who fashioned the laws for the preservation of health and morals in Texas never dreamed that Sodom could be resurrected from its tomb of sulphur and be re-established in that state.

CHAPTER III

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OF THE KLAN-BUILDERS

The religious affiliations of the leaders of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have been, in a way, like a railway time-table—subject to change without notice. Each of the men connected with the founding, the building and the directing of the order, has been characterized by kaleidoscopic changes from one form of the Protestant creed to another. Simmons began his career as a modern evangelist, as a Methodist itinerant in Alabama. After being dismissed from the Methodist conference, because he was mentally inefficient and morally delinquent, he identified himself with the Congregational church. Subsequently, he became attached to the Baptist church. He seems to have become a subscriber to all Protestant creeds, however contrary and conflicting, in his migratory movements through Protestantism, until he has become a professor of all beliefs.

Edward Young Clarke, strange as it may seem to men who have known him as a promoter and organizer, and shocking as it may appear to his associates in the underworld—who have known him as a prince of libertines—was designated and educated for the Presbyterian ministry. During the days of his youth and early manhood, he was actively engaged in religious work in the Presbyterian church. For some reason, not disclosed in documentary evidence, he was eliminated from the church and became engaged in the exploitation of the public. Clarke, however, has held tenaciously to the Calvinistic doctrine of foreordination and election. He continuously presents himself as a child of destiny, a man of fate, whose career and

achievements have been foreordained by Almighty God. And he claimed divine protection and direction, when, emerging from an automobile accident uninjured, after he (too drunk to guide the car), had wrecked it against a telephone pole; after he escaped prison sentence, having confessed to the charge of white slavery in the Houston case; and after he emerged from all the assaults made upon him in the newspapers, on the rostrum, and in the courts of the land, without having been either incarcerated or hung for his crimes against organized society.

Hiram Wesley Evans was brought up in the Methodist church. For reasons, either social, financial, or fraternal, he left the Methodist church and went to what is commonly designated as the Christian church or the Church of the Disciples, a sect founded by Alexander Campbell, of Kentucky, a generation or two ago. Evans' connection with the Methodist church is obscure, and his affiliation with the Christian church is without record of piety or usefulness. His transition may have not been through change of heart, but through desire to keep in touch with the purse and powers of Mike Thomas, of Dallas, Texas.

If Simmons had changed his habits as often as he changed his church, if E. Y. Clarke had held in fidelity as steadfastly to his family as he has to his creed, if Evans had changed his shirt with the frequency with which he has changed denominations, the story of the leaders of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan could have been written with fewer bolts, and in more orderly sequence.

This triumvirate of vaulting and excursive Protestant Christianity inaugurated and conducted a campaign for the conquest of the Protestant church of America by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. They purposed to bring all denominations' activities in keeping with Klan affairs. Gifted men of the pulpit have been drafted or bribed to enter upon the service of propagating the Klan ideals and purposes. Nearly all

of the lecturers on the Klan rostrum are ministers of the gospel. Some of these men appropriate all of their time to preaching Klankraft, and others a part of their time to disseminating the sermon on the mount and the constitution of the United States, for so many dollars per week.

A number of these ecclesiastical Klan propagandists have been converted not only to the principles of "one hundred per cent Americanism," but also to the regulatory methods of the Klan. Notably, in Beaumont, Texas, the Exalted Cyclops of the Klan was one Dr. Ellis, of the Protestant Episcopal church, and later was Grand Dragon of the Realm of Texas. This clergyman of the dignified ritualistic Protestant church of America authorized and directed the application of the lash and of tar and feathers in his community, and, when the atrocity was brought to the attention of the court, he undertook to justify himself in the proceeding.

This fact is cited for the purpose of creating in the public mind a revolt that must surely follow, among all intelligent, refined and religious people. Nothing in the history of civilization and the evangelization of the world by the disciples of Christ has ever been so contrary to all the teachings of the Master, as the participation of ministers of the gospel in the affairs of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It is unthinkable that men professing to be the followers of the Great White Christ should foster and promote an organization engaged in building an autocracy in the midst of the American democracy, in mobilizing an army for the purpose of protecting the organization, in assuming supervision over organized society by force, in regulating the conduct of men and women by violence, and in maintaining a combination of illiterate, uncouth, immoral and dishonest men in their plans for the exploiting of the American people for personal gain.

Even where ministers of the gospel have not been turned into the active service of the Klan, and placed

upon the payroll of the organization, the Klan has invaded the churches, and sought to bring the ministers under obligation to the organization. Many spectacular and bizarre demonstrations have been made, and in every part of the nation. Klansmen have invaded the churches, dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, at their regular services, and have interrupted the devotions of the people assembled, diverted the thought of the congregation from matters that were spiritual, whenever and wherever they pleased. Men, disguised under the mask and robe, have conveyed donations to the ministers in the pulpit, and the contributions of the Klan have been so staged as to provoke the largest interest, if not to cause the greatest sensation.

The surprising thing about the Klan invasions of the churches, and their contributions to men of God in the pulpits, is that the donations have almost unfailingly been accepted by the preachers, and without protest from the members of the congregation. To a student of times, it indicates a decadence in all of the finer things that belong to Protestant Christianity. The minister cannot accept a contribution from the Klan without bringing himself under obligations to that order and having, at least in a measure, to become subservient to the Klan. He is estopped from protesting against its practices, however violative of organized society the activities of the Klan may become; likewise, the congregation, approving the receipt of contributions from that order. Invariably, following this organized and directed system of bribing the ministry, the preacher becomes the advocate of the Klan, and the congregation becomes apologetic, at least, for every crime that the Klan commits. To what depths the Protestant church of America descends when it will permit men, masked and committed to reorganizing society without law, to invade the sacred precincts of the church and contribute money for the good will of the shepherd and his flock!

Many dark pages in history have been written of treason and betrayal, beginning in the Christian annals with Judas Iscariot. For ages the treachery of Judas has been the outstanding and blackest feature in the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Now, some of His pretended disciples throughout the American nation give aid and comfort to an organization that is inimical to democratic government, to organized society, to the reign of law and to the maintenance of Christianity itself.

The Klan, under the administration of Hiram Wesley Evans, purposes to establish a Klan church. Already, movements have been made in our great centers of population—notably in New York—to lease or acquire theatres for the promulgation of the Klan creed. Simmons, Clarke, and Evans, each and all shifting their church affiliations in keeping with their practices and habits, have had in mind the combination of all denominations in a Ku Klux Klan church. This may explain why a large number of ministers have been engaged to evangelize in the name of the Klan, and why a still greater number have been subsidized by the cash of the Klan. A marvelous interpretation of Christianity this Ku Klux Klan would make, when it organizes men and women who believe in Jesus Christ into a great company, with guns and daggers, tar and feather, the lash and the torch, with which to regenerate the degenerate American people!

The Invisible Empire is all comprehensive in its program. It contemplates control of the police power of the nation, the electorate of the republic, the legislative and the judiciary branches of organized government, the administration of the executive affairs of the country, and, finally, the mobilization of the Protestant church people of the nation in a Klan church. Nothing so stupendous has flashed upon the imagination of ambitious men in the days that are past. It has remained for a triumvirate of morons.

CHAPTER IV

EASY MONEY

Money flowed into the coffers of the Klan in streams. Men everywhere, and without regard to their stations in life, pressed to gain admittance into the order. Great numbers of wage-earners denied themselves and deprived their families of necessities in order to pay the initiation fee. They were made to believe that the unification of the white Protestant forces of America was necessary to arrest invasion of American soil and to preserve American institutions from the menaces of un-American groups. The Klan was presented to them as the one organization by which Americanism could be maintained and in which native Protestant citizens could become a great fraternity and maintain the patriotism and the faith which belonged to them as a heritage.

It is not an exaggerated estimate to place the number of men who paid initiation fees for entrance into the Klan at six millions. Some of these men never applied for the naturalization ceremony, but they did not reclaim their fees. A large number took the initiation, but never again attended a Klan meeting. Some of them became wise at the threshold of the Klavern, and others were fully disillusioned after they had been introduced into the mystery of Klankraft. A large majority of the applicants, however, became identified with the order, continued their affiliations and met their obligations. Fifty million dollars must have been collected in initiation fees, twenty millions in robes, and seven millions in capitation taxes. Not less than seventy-five million dollars have been taken from the American people by the Klan movement, and

not ONE DOLLAR of it has ever been invested in the public welfare.

The order was chartered as an eleemosynary institution, for patriotic, benevolent and fraternal purposes. Nothing has been inaugurated for the promotion of patriotism, nothing has been founded as an educational enterprise, and nothing has been organized for the relief of the sick and distressed. A letter from D. C. Stephenson, Imperial Representative, in the states of Indiana and Ohio, in July, 1923, stated that he was remitting the quarterly receipts from the states under his jurisdiction and that, from a period from March 17 to July 15, he was enclosing a check for \$641,475.00. He was also careful to set out that the propagation in his territory had been accomplished at the cost of \$1.25 per capita. In recognition of a great service that Stephenson had performed, Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard, made a suitable acknowledgment, and enclosed Stephenson a check for \$5,000.00 as a gift. The gift check was not accepted, and Stephenson returned the money to the national treasury. The point is, that if Stephenson could propagate at a cost of \$1.25 per member, there is no reason why the work of organizing the Klan should have cost in excess of that amount in any other section of the country, and it is at least probable that the cost of organizing the Klan was not greatly in excess of that amount. Calculating on that basis, we repeat that more than seventy-five million dollars has gone into the hands of the representatives of the Klan and that not one dollar has been reinvested in America or American institutions.

In addition to the foregoing, a remarkable condition has obtained in the administration of Klan funds. A statement showing receipts and disbursements has never been made. Any number of audits by expert accountants have been made, but these audits have shown, simply, assets and liabilities of the organization. A record has never, or, for that matter, will

never be given to the Klan or to members of the Klan, or to the public, as to the mount of money received from any state in the Union, and how it has been disbursed.

There has never been a statement of receipts from all states in the Union, nor an exhibit of appropriations and expenditures, showing the amount of money received, the amount of money disbursed and the balance remaining in the treasury. For a considerable period, the audits showed the organization had, in excess of liabilities, something more than one million dollars to its credit. The credit balance has never run beyond one million six hundred thousand dollars. These funds have been distributed and deposited in numerous banks in different sections of the country, stored in safety deposit vaults, and sometimes placed to the personal credit of individuals, all in direct violation of the law governing the use and control of trust funds, and in conflict with the charter and constitution of the order, which specifically stipulate that all moneys shall be received by the treasurer of the Klan, and deposited in one account to his credit.

In speculating on the receipt of this enormous sum of money, of more than seventy-five millions of dollars, and its appropriation, there are only a few channels open through which outflow of this money may be traced. During the period that E. Y. Clarke was in charge of propagation of the order, he received and expended under his contract enormous sums of money. Many unworthy and unscrupulous solicitors, known in Klan parlance as Kleagles, were identified with Clarke's field forces. These men were never carefully checked, and shortages occurred. There was no way by which they could be held to strict accounting. Undoubtedly large sums of money were diverted by these men and applied to their own personal uses. Some of them openly admitted their shortages, in sums ranging from five to forty thousand dollars, and defied Clarke to force collection.

An amount of money, almost beyond estimation, was paid in lawyers' fees. Litigation, following the rapid growth of the Klan and its exercise of violence, sprang up all over the country. Lawyers were retained in practically every state in the Union, and in almost every community of considerable size. Perhaps it would not be an over-estimate to place the cost of litigation to the Klan at not less than ten millions of dollars.

A system obtained on the inside of splitting fees by which funds, that might have gone into the national treasury, were divided among the Imperial officers. This was notably true of Hiram Wesley Evans, who received the fees of the propagation department from thirteen organized states from July, 1922, to March, 1923, in addition to his salary, first as Imperial Kligrapp, and then as Imperial Wizard. This whole story is set out in the deposition made by Evans himself in the Rittenhouse case, in which he admits that he received and applied to his own use these fees from thirteen chartered states, while, at the same time, he was being paid a salary of from seventy-five hundred to fifteen thousand dollars a year, with an unlimited expense account. The practice seemed to have obtained with Paul Etheridge, Imperial Klouncil, who received a salary of twelve thousand dollars a year, and who required attorneys employed in different sections of the country to represent the Klan to split their fees with him. The documentary evidence obtained by the writer showing his practice with Attorney Glen L. Bruner, of Kansas City, is indicative of his conduct as the leading legal authority of the Klan.

Large sums of money were spent for publicity immediately following the elevation of Hiram Wesley Evans to the office of Imperial Wizard. The *Knight Hawk* was established at the Imperial Palace, and Philip E. Fox was drafted by Evans, brought to Atlanta, and made chief of publicity. This is the same man who edited the *Imperial Weekly*, who supervised



EDWARD YOUNG CLARKE

Imperial Giant, Imperial Wizard Emeritus

*I love you J. Fuller. With highest regards
Edw. Young Clarke.*

the general publicity of the order, was charged with the responsibility of purchasing equipment for the Klan's elaborate printing plant at Buckhead, whose career, as the Klan's leading publicity man, was terminated by his assassination of Captain William S. Coburn.

Numerous papers all over the country were re-enforced by aid from Evans, and circulation of these papers was greatly increased by the donation of Klan funds. Notable among the papers supplemented and strengthened by appropriation from Evans, was *Mayfield's Weekly*. This publication was suddenly converted from a paper of violent opposition to Evans to an organ that extolled him as a great leader and executive. Another paper that was the recipient of the kindly consideration of Evans was *The One Hundred Per Cent American*, published in Evan's home town, and was apparently ushered upon an era of prosperity. *Dawn*, in Chicago, was reorganized and transformed into a propaganda sheet for Evans and his administration. *The Fiery Cross*, in the middle west, boasted of a circulation of more than 300,000. *The Fellowship Forum*, in the city of Washington, was acquired outright by the payment of one thousand dollars a month to George Fleming Moore, the editor. This publication entered an active defense of the Klan and was addressed directly to the Masons of America. There were a number of minor papers in different sections of the country that sprang up or were revamped, including *The Searchlight*, in Georgia, and they were all dedicated to the upbuilding and the maintaining of Hiram Wesley Evans in the office of the Imperial Wizard. It is, perhaps, safe to estimate that the cost of renovating Evans through the subsidized press and selling him as an impeccable product to the American people, has been, first and last, one million dollars.

Much of the space in these publications has been utilized to attack American citizens opposed to the Klan and Klansmen who, somehow, felt that Evans was

not a suitable or a qualified leader for the order. A man's reputation, his property, his life, were exposed to attack, if the man held an expressed opinion that was critical of Evans or his administration. For more than a year, many streams under the control of Evans have flowed through the public prints, defaming men who were critical of Evans or his methods, and at the same time flooding the country with commendation of Evans and his administration. Evans has undertaken to sustain himself in office, not by force of mentality or by value of service, but through the continuous praise of his hirelings writing for his subsidized papers.

Certainly, little of the money collected in fees remained in the treasury of the local Klans. Indianapolis is a striking illustration of how communities were stripped and the local Klans, when finally chartered, were not only left without resources, but also without men in the community eligible to membership in the Klan. Thirty-nine thousand men were initiated into the Klan in the city of Indianapolis before the local organization was chartered. Every dollar in fees from these men went into the national organization. When the Klansmen in Indianapolis ultimately received a charter there was no money in the treasury and no available material for Klankraft in the community, and from the time of their organization down to the present day, they have been under necessity of borrowing money or of taking up collections for the purpose of meeting their running expenses, including house rent. The same thing is true of Wichita, Kansas, where six thousand men were enrolled in the Klan before the local organization was chartered, and the Klan at Wichita has never been able to meet its current expenses out of the proceeds for its normal and regular operations.

In accounting for the enormous sums of money that came to the treasury of the Ku Klux Klan, the amount appropriated to William Joseph Simmons as salary, gratuity and perquisites, during a period of five years, will exceed \$300,000.00. During the early stages of the

organization, beginning with 1915, when it was characterized by slow and sporadic growth, Simmons applied to his own use all the funds that came to the treasury of the order. He claims he rendered all the service in propagating the organization and was entitled to all the proceeds.

From 1915 to 1919, Simmons must have derived not less than \$20,000.00 from the 4,000 members organized under his direction. In 1919, E. Y. Clarke assumed direction of the propagation department, extended the operations, and put the Klan north of the Mason and Dixon line, and west of the Rocky mountains. Within three years, the organization was builded from a struggling and precarious and narrowly circumscribed organization into a vast Empire.

In recognition of Simmon's early services and privations, he was granted a salary of \$1,000.00 a month and was given a home on Peachtree road, known as the "Klan Krest," at a cost of \$33,000.00. In addition to his salary and the gift of his home, \$25,000.00 was appropriated to reimburse him for five years of arduous service, during which he represented that he suffered hunger and denied himself every comfort of life. Two automobiles, both high-powered and high-priced, were donated to him, and he was allowed an unlimited expense account for his personal and official requirements. He surrounded himself with a retinue of flunkies and armed guards at the expense of the Klan. It is reasonable to estimate the amount of money that Simmons received in salary, in gifts and in fees preceding the time that Evans was elected Imperial Wizard, at \$135,000.00.

Following the election of Evans, Simmons continued to receive a salary of \$1,000.00 a month up to and including September, 1923. At that time he opened negotiations with Evans by which he was to sell all of his rights, title and interest in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in consideration of an amount to be paid him. The negotiations were carried on at the instance

of Simmons and were consummated when the Imperial Palace paid him, in round figures, \$150,000.00. This, together with the salary which he drew for 1923, and with the expenses that he incurred, which were paid from the Klan treasury, would aggregate \$175,000.00. Summing up the total of Simmons' receipts from the Klan, we repeat that he must have gotten, first and last, in excess of \$300,000.00.

During the time E. Y. Clarke was prospering on propagation and Evans was deriving wealth from his salary and his fees, Simmons was going to and fro in the country, boasting of his unselfishness. He, everywhere, proclaimed that others had enriched themselves at the expense of the Klan, but it was his proud distinction and glory that he had kept poor. As a matter of fact, Simmons received and appropriated to his own use as much money as either E. Y. Clarke or H. W. Evans. Like his associates, however, not one dollar of the money that came into his possession was ever reinvested in the welfare or comforts of humanity.

This man has been characterized by an insatiable greed and inordinate selfishness.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
EDWARD YOUNG CLARKE, IMPERIAL KLEAGLE

From June 13th To June 11th 1921 Inclusive.

Receipts			Disbursements		
Bank Balance Fwd.	\$ 10	194 51	Salaries, Executive	\$ 567	04
From Klactobans	26	690 10	Salaries, Clerical	226	10
From all other sources			Commissions to Field men	14	667 00
<i>C. T. Grantham</i>		10 00	Commissions to Klan	5	598 00
<i>M. B. Owen</i>		56 00	Publicity		88 16
<i>H. A. Hall</i>		50 00	Organization Work	8	000 00
			Supplies		
			Postage		60 18
			Telephone		
			Telegraph		
			Multigraphing		76 58
			Traveling Expense		
			Miscellaneous Expense		3 00
			Rent		26 67
			<i>Low, Prof. Adv.</i>		1 058 00
			<i>T. A. Farnley Cashier</i>		12 00
			Balance in Bank		6616 78
Total	\$ 37	000 51	Total	\$ 37	000 51

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Loans	\$ 12	243 19	Bills Payable	\$		
Cash in Bank		6616 78				
Loss			Profit		19	859 97
Total	\$ 19	859 97	Total	\$ 19	859 97	
Net Loss for Week	\$		Net Profit for Week	\$		

CHAPTER V

CONQUEST OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCH

The original plans of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan not only contemplated the exercising of a dominating influence in fraternalism and in government, but also in church. Evidence and conclusive proof is abundant that the founder and chief officers in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan purposed, if not to control, at least to impress the Protestant church forces of America. This plan was formulated and promulgated under the pretense of unifying the Protestant church people of the nation, and of eliminating hurtful competitions and rivalries in evangelism, as well as waste in missionary enterprises. It was a beautifully organized scheme of exploitation by which the many Protestant demoninations of America were to be brought into one great body with a common understanding and with a common objective, and by which the Protestant churches of America were to control not only the religious movements of the nation, but also the social, political and economic interests of the country.

Representation was made that the Catholic church was unified and was indivisible on any question of church or state presented to the people. The Jews were represented to be unified, not so much in thir religious creed as in their economic policy, to control and dominate the trade and the finances of the country. In contrast, the Protestant people of America, constituting a vast majority of the population, were split up into factions, engaging in contests with each other, and expending their resources in setting up altar against altar, and in striving for numerical and financial ascendancy over one another. The proposition was pre-

sented by the Klan that the American citizens, holding tenaciously to the creed of Christianity as propounded by the Protestant church, should be as singular and as indivisible in their attitude towards the problems of national life as were either the Catholics or the Jews.

Even a cursory investigation of the Klan will disclose that, so far from bringing about unity and concerted movement and co-operative evangelism, the Klan has everywhere accentuated the difference between respective denominations of the Protestant church, and has instigated strife and controversies among the very people that it professed to unify. If the leaders of any particular denomination inveighed against the Klan by declaration of opposition to its methods or its pursuits, that denomination was immediately brought under the disfavor of the Klan, and the leaders were marked for blackmail or for ostracism, as the Klan might direct. This is notably true in the case of Dr. C. B. Wilmer, of the Protestant Episcopal church, and of Dr. Plato Durham, of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and of Dr. C. Ashby Jones, of the Baptist church (see documents below). These gentlemen are all eminent in the service of their respective denominations. Dr. Wilmer, of the Protestant Episcopal church, has been for many years an educator and a minister of great usefulness, and above reproach. Because he antagonized the Klan in its hostility to the Negro race, and protested against the atrocities that were perpetrated against the Negro, he was subjected to an investigation by the police department of two states, by the chief officer of the department of justice in the state of North Carolina, as well as the espionage of the Klan, in order to find something to wreck his reputation, besmirch his character and destroy his influence.

Dr. Plato Durham is a distinguished minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and a professor in Emory University. He associated himself with other distinguished gentlemen in a protest against the ac-

tivities of the Klan in flogging Negroes, burning their bodies and murdering them, and by the declaration of his attitude towards the Klan and his opposition to creating racial distinction, deep and dark, he was subjected to the disapprobation of the order and branded as a Negrophile.

Dr. Ashby Jones, of the First Baptist church, is a distinguished and eloquent minister of that denomination—a son of J. William Jones, the chaplain and biographer of General Robert E. Lee. Because he aligned himself with the distinguished Christian company in protest against the attitude of the Klan toward the Negro race, he was subjected to abuse and calumny by the leaders of the Klan, from Simmons on down.

The following documentary evidence is indicative of the investigation to which ministers of the gospel were subjected if they expressed opposition to the Klan:

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Atlanta, Ga., March 23, 1921.

G. L. Williams,
910 East Main Street,
Richmond, Va.

Am desirous of securing at once information as to character and standing in Lynchburg of Reverend C. B. Wilmer, now Episcopal rector in Atlanta, who formerly lived in Lynchburg. Am informed he taught a Negro school while living in Lynchburg, and that his standing in Lynchburg was not of the best kind, socially. Get this information for me at once, personally, at our expense, and give me a full and complete history of Wilmer in Lynchburg, if possible. This is a chance for you to perform real service. Wilmer is leading attack on this organization at this time and is head, in Atlanta, of Inter-Racial Committee, which is branch of Negro association in New York. Wire me first possible moment what you find and send full report by special delivery. Acknowledge receipt of this telegram.

E. Y. CLARKE.

Confidential.

Greensboro, N. C., April 7, 1921.

Mr. C. L. Rogers, Patrolman,
Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Sir:

The Rev. C. B. Wilmer, white, of Atlanta, supposed to have been a teacher in a Negro school for two years at Lynchburg, and is alleged to have mistreated and neglected his sister while in Lynchburg, finally having to leave Lynchburg.

I wish you would make a quiet investigation regarding this man and let me have full particulars of what you are able to develop.

Yours truly,

J. F. WILLIAMSON, Captain of Police.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

Mr. J. F. Williamson,
Captain of Police,
Greensboro, N. C.
Dear Sir:

Lynchburg, Va., April 9, 1921.

With reference to your file attached with regard to Rev. C. B. Wilmer, white, of Atlanta, Ga., supposed to have been a teacher in a Negro school for two years at Lynchburg, Va., and alleged to have had difficulty with his sister while in Lynchburg, Va., finally having left here.

I beg to advise that I have investigated your request as you desired, handling the case with Mr. E. E. Glass, confidentially, who has been superintendent of schools in this city for forty-three years. Mr. Glass advises that he knew Rev. C. B. Wilmer very well and that he never did teach school in Lynchburg, Va., but he was an Episcopal minister and was interested in a Negro school about twenty-five years ago on outskirts of city, where now I. O. O. F. orphanage stands, and that the station named Wilmer, on Southern railway, just south of Durmid, Va., was named in his favor. Mr. Glass states that he knew of Rev. Wilmer having difficulty with his sister, and when he left Lynchburg that there positively could not have been anything against him, as he was a gentleman beyond reproach. Mr. Glass referred me to Col. William King, one of our very best citizens.

Col. King advises that he knew Rev. Wilmer very well and cited about the same as Mr. Glass, in regard to his life while in Lynchburg, Va. He states that Rev. Wilmer's sister married a reformed Jew, named Yeager, who was associated with Rev. Wilmer in the work at this Negro school, and that they did have some difficulty, which was at least twenty-five years ago.

Yours truly,

G. L. ROGERS, Patrolman.

Mr. J. W. Williams,
Captain of Police,
Southern Railway System,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 11, with the enclosed letter from Patrolman G. L. Rogers, both referring to the Rev. C. B. Wilmer.

Mr. Handy is, at present, out of town, but your letter will be called to his attention immediately on his return.

Yours very truly,

D. C. FRANCE,
Acting.

As instructed, this date I interviewed Dr. Plato T. Durham at his office. Dr. Durham is a Methodist preacher, and a professor at the Emory University.

Q. Are you a member of the Inter-Racial Committee?

A. Yes. I am on the executive committee of the state.

Q. What is the Inter-Racial Committee?

A. The Inter-Racial Committee was organized just about the end of the war. You see, lots of Negroes that went across were treated differently in France, and, naturally, we felt uneasy, that the Negroes coming back would commence trouble—to demand their rights as human American citizens—as they have seen a different country and a different life. So, we thought that we would do something to adjust matters, and Mr. Alexander, Dr. Wilmer, Mr. John Eagon and myself had a conference and discussed what would be the best thing to do for both races—not to bring hard feelings but to work in harmony—and we organized the Inter-Racial Committee.

Q. Does the Inter-Racial Committee stand for social equality?

A. No. That is not what we are working for, right now. You see, we are trying to create an understanding between the Negro and the whites, and, if that were to come up, it would kill the work.

Q. Do you stand for equal social justice?

A. Well, that is the same thing. It is best for both races to keep strictly separate, and not to mix the blood, and the best Negroes stand for that. They want to keep the Negro race pure and not have a mixed blood. Lots of movements have been started, but they all lost out, in regard to the inter-racial matter, and the reason for that is that they organized and stood for one specific thing—but we do not stand for any specific thing. We just stand for justice for the Negroes, and to give them a chance to speak to us and tell us their troubles, and to co-operate with them and to see that the Negro gets good schools, and good sanitary conveniences, and to see that they get justice before the law. You see, if we go to white people and tell them that they will have to give the Negro his political rights, and his social rights, the people will not do it; but, we have to work from the foundation up, instead of starting from half-way, like the other organizations did. First, we have to get the whites to understand the Negroes and the Negroes to understand the whites; because, the whites always give the Negro just what they think he ought to have. They never have given the Negroes a chance to say anything, and the Negroes did not have any confidence in the whites; but, now, they have confidence and they believe in us, because we have given them a chance, and we are all willing to listen to them.

Q. Do you know Professor Hope, Dr. Singleton and J. O. Thomas, Negroes?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you think that they are of the higher class of Negroes?

A. Yes. They are about the best Negroes that we have.

Q. Do you think that they want social equality?

A. No. They do not want that—they are the kind of Negroes that like to keep their race separate from other races; they do not like the mixing of the races.

You see, it hurts Dr. Singleton for a Negro woman to give birth to a mulatto child.

Q. But, would he feel hurt if the said Negro woman was the wife of a white man?

A. But, that cannot be. Those things will have to come gradually, and this is not the time to talk of those things. You know the Negro is of an inferior race and the whites think the only way to keep them separate is to keep them under, but we are working differently. We are trying to get them on an equal level; but, to have a separating line that way, does not emphasize that they are an inferior race, and, their civil equality shall be allowed as they progress and become sufficiently educated—then they shall be treated differently, in other words, we shall not feel that the Negro should not vote, because he is a Negro; but we shall go according to their qualifications, and if they qualify, there shall be no exception to their color. In that way we exemplify the freedom of democracy, that this is a democratic country; we shall not only preach democracy, but practice democracy, and give them an equal chance.

Q. Do you think that the Negro members want to have their freedom to go to the hotels and restaurants and theaters and public parks?

A. Well, I think that they will say that they want that, but not because they want to be with the whites but just to get the benefit of the accommodations—they do want to have these accommodations, as far as their money goes, but that would not be social equality.

Q. What do you know of the N. A. A. C. P.?

A. They are working on a different program altogether. They have started from the top and they just come right out and say to the Negro you shall fight for your rights, and that is the only way to get them, and that has given the reason for the Ku Klux to be organized; but, when they were organized, the Negroes had no confidence in the whites, and I do not blame them much. We are working from the bottom and that is the only way to accomplish our purpose, to let

everything come gradually, and the Negro shall have patience and wait and our aim is to make the organization big enough and take inter-racial conditions into consideration, and to co-work with the different foreign people that come to this country. Now, for instance, if the Greeks in Atlanta had a committee, any time that they wanted something or something went wrong and they did not know what to do, they could come to us; or, for instance, the Jap question. I think that a friendly committee could meet and adjust matters better than they could be adjusted in any other way.

Q. You mention the Ku Klux Klan. What do you think of it?

A. Well, it is very bad—it has caused the worst prejudice, and has done much harm. . . . My father was a member, but in the days of reconstruction and to bring back the whites. The whites then did not have any political rights and had to fight their way for their civil rights. But, now, that we are in power, and have the law in our own hands, and control everything, it is horrible to think that a bunch of white men would try, in secret, to enforce the law; that they can enforce it any way, because all laws are controlled by the whites. I don't want you to mention me, but, if you want to, you can have my statements published. Leaders of the Klan know that I and other members of the committee are against the movement. In your interview with the Negroes, you can tell them how we are working for them, and are risking ourselves with the Ku Klux Klan for the Negroes' benefit. You see, we are running the risk of being punished by the Klan for working for the benefit of the Negroes and for their progress.

When the Klan promulgates the doctrine of unification, it means that the respective denominations of Protestant Christianity shall be unified by the Klan's standard and under Klan specifications. Unless one can

bring himself to subscribe to all of the tenets and practices of Klankraft, he is not only subject to the sinister ostracism of the Klan, but he is also liable to alienation from association with his kind and his creed.

BISHOP AINSWORTH'S WARNING

Bishop Ainsworth, of the Methodist church, Dallas, Texas, issues a warning to all ministers of the gospel, and very ably expresses the sentiment of all true gospel ministers throughout the United States:

"Many principles of the Ku Klux Klan may be patriotic, but there can be no doubt of the fact that it assumes to be a sort of masked monitor of society, and, as such, it has threatened, pursued, castigated and run men out of communities where they lived, without reference to their rights, in law, the established procedure of civilization. . . . Any masked, sheeted and secret court is a travesty upon justice, and has no place in a civilized land. . . . It is particularly a serious thing for any minister of Jesus Christ to lend his influence and prostitute his pulpit to the promotion of such dangerous propaganda. If this is permitted to go unchecked, and preachers, churches and charities continue to receive the Klan's anonymous aid, it will not be long before masked men will assume to dictate to the pulpit what it shall preach, and threaten to run men from their pulpit who refuse to do their way."

Hundreds of churches in the South have been torn asunder by reason of robed men invading the pulpits of ministers and offering cheap, contemptible bribes, under the guise of "donations."

It will require many years for the churches to fully recover from the serious consequences of having participated in Klan activities.

CHAPTER VI

POLITICAL CONTROL SOUGHT

Almost from its inception the Klan became a political organization and participated in the public affairs of the communities where it was established. Its activities were first directed to secure control of the police power, the judiciary and the prosecuting attorneys of the courts. Sheriffs, judges and solicitors were to be elected in every county and municipality and district where the Klan was strong enough to exercise the balance of power. This plan was in keeping with the original design to mobilize and clothe with civil authority a great army subject to the orders of the Imperial Wizard of the Klan. Sheriffs, friendly to the Klan, could appoint deputies without number and without pay, until every member of the Klan in a respective county was commissioned to carry arms. The election of judges and solicitors was desired because of the deeds of violence by the Klan going to the courts for trial. This mobilizing of the police power of the country has reached every state in the Union. However indifferent the Klan may appear to the election of men to certain minor offices, they never overlook an opportunity to throw all of their forces and resources into a contest for the election of a sheriff or judge.

With the coming of Hiram Wesley Evans to the Imperial Palace in 1922, these political plans of the Klan were extended to embrace governors and congressmen. Governor Thomas W. Hardwick, of Georgia, was the first victim selected for the Klan's stigmata. There is an unwritten rule in Georgia, where the term of the governor is two years, that the incumbent shall have the term of the second two years without con-

test or opposition. Hardwick, during his term of office, made exactions of the Ku Klux Klan and incurred the hot displeasure of the leaders. He demanded that the organization unmask and that the atrocities perpetrated by the Klan cease. Before entering upon his second campaign for the governorship, Hardwick had full and frank conferences with the imperial officers of the Klan, and reached an agreement that they would accede to his wishes concerning the unmasking of the order in Georgia and that they would co-operate with him in abating deeds of violence. Hardwick was assured he not only would have no opposition, but would have the support of the Klan in securing his re-election. The ink was scarcely dry on the understanding between Hardwick and the Klan officials when the Klan threw an army of speakers into the field, everyone directed to conceal the real purpose of his campaign, and to ostensibly support Hardwick, under cover, and in reality to secure his defeat. Every force the Klan could muster of men and women was thrown into the underground attempt to elect Clifford Walker, who was opposing Hardwick. This was the first important demonstration of invisible government with a vengeance. In betraying Gov. Hardwick, Edward Young Clarke instructed his Imperial Klokard, W. J. Mahoney, to throw twenty trained and skilled speakers into the campaign in Georgia with the purpose of defeating Hardwick. He went so far as to inaugurate a plan by which Gov. Hardwick's mail was intercepted and delivered to the Imperial Palace during the campaign. This was done by bribery of men employed on the inside of the Atlanta post office. In a recent deposition made by a witness in a Klan case pending in the Federal Court at Indianapolis, Ind., it was stated, under oath, that this witness saw Fred L. Savage, head of the Klan intelligence department, deliver one hundred dollars to John D. Maher in the Piedmont hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, with instructions that that amount of money be delivered to a certain employe in the post

office. Witness further testified that he saw the transaction completed, when the postal employe was called aside and had the money placed in his hands. He further stated that this was one of many transactions by which the Klan had invaded the post office and had delivered into their keeping the mail of citizens whom they desired to injure. This same witness testified that following these transactions between the Palace and postal employes, that he saw large quantities of Governor Hardwick's mail in the Imperial Palace.

Clifford Walker was elected over Governor Hardwick by a substantial majority. *But, before assuming the oath of office, he appeared before the national meeting of the Klansmen and declared that in the event Klan activities in violence were brought to his attention, before haling the men charged with crime into the courts, he would first go to the Imperial offices of the Klan and there undertake to adjust the troubles.*

From the time of Walker's induction into office down to the present hour, there has been no interference with any plans the Klan desired to execute in the state of Georgia.

During the session of the legislature, elected simultaneously with Walker, a lobby was maintained by the Klan at the capital, and every attempt of the legislature to unmask the Klan or investigate its political pursuits was balked. M. O. Dunning was the Klan representative at the capital of Georgia. His expense accounts, authorized and endorsed by Nathan Bedford Forrest, Grand Dragon of the state of Georgia, and aggregating \$2,300.00, were filed as exhibits in the famous Rittenhouse receivership case. These expense accounts showed that every dollar of that money was expended on the legislature or in bringing lobbyists to the state capital to exercise their influence on the legislature. During the trial of the Rittenhouse case, these exhibits, along with other documentary evidence relating to the vicious activities of the Klan, disappeared from the files.

In Georgia, the Klan had another friend and champion in the person of Congressman W. D. Upshaw. Mr. Upshaw's interest in the Klan dates back to the early days of the organization. All through the movements and growth of the organization he has been closely identified with both E. Y. Clarke and Mrs. Tyler. Excerpts of correspondence directed by Upshaw to Mrs. Tyler, on the letterhead of the United States congress, is printed herewith for the purpose of demonstrating how closely the Klan tied in with political life of the state of Georgia and later with the politics of the nation.

Political aspirants in Georgia early formed the habit of undertaking to secure the approbation and financial aid of Klan officials. Particularly interesting is the offer of Charles E. Stewart, member of the Georgia legislature, to secure the aid of the Georgia Klan in his race for speaker of the house. Mr. Stewart writes: "How happy I am over the way we administered to Mr. Hardwick. It was a glorious victory. I won my race for representative of Atkinson County, and am now going to run for speaker. If you and your good friends will help me, I will win that. I will be in your city next week to discuss this matter with you." Mr. Stewart was promised that he would have the cooperation of the organization and that the "general" (Nathan Bedford Forrest) was keeping right in behind his fight.

After notable success in Georgia, Hiram Wesley Evans effervesced the idea that the Klan should elect a United States senator from Texas. He convinced his benefactress, Elizabeth Tyler, that it would be worth at least one hundred thousand dollars to the Klan to have a Texas Klansman in the senate of the United States. Mrs. Tyler, always generous with Dr. Evans, readily consented to assume any part of this sum which might be allotted to her. E. Y. Clarke, while equally sure that the Klan could use another senator in the congress, was less generous of his personal funds.



ELIZABETH TYLER
The late power behind the throne

WILLIAM E. UPDEGRAVE
New York, COLUMBIA

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mrs. Tyler:

Here it is -
scratched off while the
train has dashed along.

It is not very exhaustive
but I hope you, the Wizard,
and the Near Wizard will
like it.

If I can serve you
and the Searchlight further
please do not hesitate to
command me.

Cordially Yours,
"On the Train",
W. E. Upshaw

He planned to make his contribution from the treasury of the order. These preliminary arrangements and negotiations are shown from the records in the Peddy-Mayfield contest before the senate committee on privileges and elections in the United States senate.

Clarke's customary circumlocution contributed in no small measure to the circumstances under which it was almost impossible to produce legal proof of the exact amount spent in the Mayfield election.

In accordance with the usual methods of the Klan leaders, Judge Henry, a long time representative in congress from the state of Texas, was induced to run as an avowed Klan candidate for the senate. Henry was used as a stalking-horse. He was to be out in front and proclaim the Klan candidate for the senatorial toga. In the meantime, Earle B. Mayfield was instructed to run as the real Klan candidate, but under cover. Henry was betrayed and defeated. Mayfield was supported and elected.

It was desired, according to the statement of the Grand Dragon of the state of Texas, on the official stationery of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, that "Klansman Mayfield" should plant the "banner of Klankraft" in the United States senate. This amazing document was introduced in the Mayfield contest.

The cost, in money, to the Klan, in securing Mayfield's election is not easily estimated, but the Imperial Order, reprinted here, authorizes the expenditure of \$60,000.00 of the Klan funds, and indicates that the amount named in the order was merely introductory to whatever expenditures might be necessary to buy Mayfield's seat in the United States senate. This opinion seems justified by the preliminary plans, in keeping with which Mrs. Tyler was to supply funds up to \$100,000.00 if necessary.

The following letter is signed by Hiram W. Evans, who was on this date the Imperial Dragon.

IMPERIAL PALACE
INVISIBLE EMPIRE
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Atlanta, Ga., June 10, 1922.

Brown Harwood, Grand Dragon,
Realm of Texas,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Faithful Klansman:

Referring to Executive Order No. 391, regarding special fund for educational campaign in Texas, it is extremely important that we have every Klansman in Texas understand the vital importance to the organization of the election of Klansman Earle B. Mayfield to the United States senate. The offer to divide the Klan vote by not centering on one man must be prevented, and if the funds accumulated under authority of the above executive order are not sufficient, we can arrange to supply you with additional funds as needed.

You will, from this time forward, keep me constantly posted on the situation; and if you think my presence at any time in Texas is necessary, do not hesitate to notify me.

Yours in the Sacred Unfailing Bond,

(Signed) H. W. EVANS,
Imperial Dragon.

Atlanta, Ga., June 20, 1922.

MEMORANDUM:

To N. M. Furney, Cashier.
From Imperial Dragon.

Attached herewith is expense bill from the Grand Dragon of the Realm of Texas. It may seem excessive, but conditions in Texas warrant these expenditures at this time.

(Signed) H. W. EVANS.

HWE-LM

A K L V

Atlanta, Ga., April 21, 1922.

MEMORANDUM:

To N. M. Furney.
From Imperial Dragon.

I have agreed with the Grand Dragon of the Realm of Texas to put up not in excess of ten men as lecturers and special investigators at work in Texas at this time, and he will,

from time to time, notify you of their names and you will put them on payroll when requested by him so to do, and at such salary and expense as he may direct. These men will report direct to him and to me through him, but their expense accounts will come direct for the men to save delay, and are to be paid by you without being referred to finance committee, unless they seem to you to be excessive.

The above action is made necessary on account of the turbulent political conditions in Texas at this time and to hold the Klan vote solid in the coming senatorial election in that Realm. The above expenditure to be charged to field work general account.

(Signed) H. W. EVANS.

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No. 391.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

To The Grand Dragon, Realm of Texas, and His Hydras, Great Titans, Furies, and to be respected by all Cyclops and Citizens of the Invisible Empire in the Realm of Texas.

From The Imperial Dragon.

Greetings:

The Grand Dragon is hereby authorized to create a special fund for educational purposes in the present political campaign in Texas, and in the creating of same he is authorized to withhold for the next quarter all funds due the Imperial Palace, including the Palace pro rata of Klektokens and the Imperial Tax, and also all funds now due the Palace from Klans in arrears to the Imperial Palace. The funds thus created to be distributed by the Grand Dragon, in his discretion, as the emergency of the case may warrant. The funds thus withheld with the amount computed will be charged off properly at the Imperial Palace and no indebtedness stand against the Realm of Texas or any Klan on account of this special fund. It is estimated by Accounting Department that this should give the special fund around \$50,000 or \$60,000, but if this is not sufficient, provision will be made for other funds when required.

Done at the Imperial Palace in the Imperial City of Atlanta on this Dismal Day of the Wailing Week of the Mournful Month of the Klan LV and the year of our Lord, 1922.

(Signed) H. W. EVANS,
Imperial Dragon.

The achievement of the Klan in electing Mayfield was openly boasted by E. Y. Clarke in every statement concerning this election, and he uncovered the deep-dyed treachery of the leaders of the organization and the movements of the great political machine to dominate the politics of the nation. In a speech at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he appeared in full dress to discuss with horny-handed wage earners the activities of the Klan, he said: "*The New York Times* said three weeks ago, in a front-page story, that the Ku Klux Klan was taking a flight in politics. You bet your life, and it is a pretty strong fly, too. Now, the nation, unfortunately or fortunately, through the enemy press, is looking at Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and one or two other states, but particularly at those three states at this time. Now, listen boys, there is not a bit of use on earth—with the strength of the Klan in Oklahoma today and the teachings that have been taught you—there is not a bit of use on earth for you not to win, and you must win. You, boys, must not let anything slip here, politically, in this state at this time, because it will not only hurt you but hurt all over the nation. The eyes of the nation are on this situation."

While Judge Henry was openly called the Klan candidate in Texas, an imperial officer of the Klan proclaimed the election of Mayfield a Klan victory. With the Klan victories in Georgia and Texas, which were won simultaneously, the vision of Evans seems to have been directed to the national capital and he at once began to blaze a trail from the Palace to the White House. Already, according to his method, whisperings had gone to the Klans throughout the nation that a number of men high in the council of the administration at Washington, were friendly to the Klan. * Grapevine messages were sent by the Imperial Palace everywhere intimating, if not stating, that the Klan had a friend in the department of justice, one in the post office department, one in the White House, in close and confidential relations to the president, and not a few

friends in subsidiary positions not quite high enough or big enough to sit in the supreme council of the nation.

Evans began to have visions. It had been easy to elect the governor of Georgia. It had been easy to elect the United States senator from Texas. If an understanding could be reached and an alliance could be formed between the Klan and members of the administration at Washington, why could not the Klan dictate the election of the next president of the United States?

Gutzon Borglum, the noted sculptor, who loves politics next to his profession, took Evans by the hand and led his shambling feet into the presence of President Harding. The executive head of the greatest and freest democracy in the world sat down and talked things over with the executive head of the most dangerous autocracy of Invisible Government ever inaugurated. Following that conference, Evans proceeded with great dispatch to transfer the actual government of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from Atlanta to Washington. (The late President Harding declared just before his death that he "heartily disapproved of the organization"—referring, of course, to the Ku Klux Klan.)

The imposing Palace on Peach Tree Road was left practically untenanted and deserted. Following the moving of Evans and his Imperial Staff to Washington, only a few clerks were doing routine business, with an armed guard here and there picketing the premises.

Ambassadorial quarters were established in Washington, with H. C. McCall installed as the first Imperial Emissary to the American government. Hiram Wesley Evans occupied pretentious quarters on Massachusetts avenue. Members of the Imperial Klouncilium assembled in Washington and laid plans for inaugurating a nation-wide campaign for the election of a president of the nation, and a congress. A lobby was maintained at the national capital, and the Klan sought to make its influence felt on all legislation of serious import.

The newspapers carried the story of a secret conference held by Evans with Senator Watson, of Indiana, at the capital. This conference is reported to have been accomplished by Evans avoiding the elevator in the capitol and sneaking up the stairway to the appointed meeting-place, that his movements might be concealed and the interview be kept secret from all outsiders. It is significant to note that on this occasion he was accompanied by W. F. Zumbrunn, attorney, who defended Mayfield before the senate committee on privileges and elections, of which committee Senator Watson is a member, and which committee reported on the findings in the Peddy-Mayfield contest.

Such brazen flaunting of the decencies and proprieties of political usage are highly indicative of the boldness of both the Klan and its leaders in mixing in national politics. While bold, this incident was in full accord with Evans' previous dealings with congressmen. He spent much of his time between midnight and day in secret conference with the law-makers of the United States government. He never talked with them in the presence of other than his trained henchmen. Twelve successive nights, after midnight, he is reported to have had conferences in as many different hotels with members of the United States senate.

Having contributed so largely to the election of Mayfield to the United States senate, he evidently felt it incumbent upon him to exercise such influence as he could muster in order to keep Mayfield in the senate. Presumably, his secret conference with Senator Watson was in the interest of Mayfield, as Senator Watson was an active member of the senate committee which was charged with the Mayfield investigation.

As early as May, 1923, the national issues were taking form and prospective candidates for the presidency were being suggested in the public prints. It is alleged that Evans met William Gibbs McAdoo at French Lick Springs late in May, 1923, and conferred with him. Immediately following the simultaneous visits of these

men to the Indiana resort, announcement was made in Indiana and Ohio that Evans had committed the Klan to the support of McAdoo for the presidency. "When some questions were raised among Klansmen in different sections of the country as to the wisdom of Evans in committing the organization to the nomination and election of Mr. McAdoo, the questioner was invariably answered by the statement: "Elect McAdoo president and you will have a Klansman in the White House." Wherever the issue was raised between Mr. McAdoo and an anti-Klansman in the Democratic primaries, the Klan unfailingly issued proclamations directing the order to give its unqualified support to McAdoo.

As far back as March 4, 1923, Gutzon Borglum—who, while reported in "Who's Who" as a Roman Catholic, held membership in the Imperial Klan and was a member of the Klonselium, the grand governing body of the order—sent the following wire to E. Y. Clarke at Atlanta:

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WESTERN UNION

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GLAD ABOUT BONDS AND TIME SET SO FAR OFF STOP I TOOK UP MATTER OF
MC ADDO IN WASHINGTON WITH HIS FRIEND HE IS IN LOSANGELES SMALL FOLLOW
MATTER UP AND REPORT LATER GLAD YOU PERSONALLY CAN BE ON THE JOB
NOTHING IS DONE WITHOUT LEADERS

BORGLUM.

Apparently, the man who led Evans into the august presence of the Republican president was not averse to poking his finger into the Democratic political pie.

In the state of Georgia, Oscar Underwood had made an admirable campaign for the state delegation to the national convention. Two weeks before the primary, it was conceded on all sides that Mr. Underwood would easily carry Georgia, and perhaps every county in the state; but when the time of battle came the Underwood forces were out-generaled and out-maneuvered. Mr. McAdoo entered the state a few days before the election, and in response to a question propounded to him by M. O. Dunning, Chief of Staff of the Klan in Georgia, and who had been instructed to raise the question, Mr. McAdoo stated that he stood four-square on the constitution of the United States, the first amendment to which guarantees freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religious worship and peaceable assembly. Apparently, Mr. McAdoo's statement was entirely satisfactory to the Klan, inasmuch as a proclamation was issued, setting forth that he met all the Klan requirements. The Klansmen went to the polls and voted for McAdoo. The result is explained very clearly in the statement quoted below:

"We are compelled to admit that Georgia has been lost to Senator Underwood by the clever intriguing of Mr. McAdoo's forces with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Immediately after Mr. McAdoo's statement of his position on the Klan at Macon, Georgia, four days before the primary, M. O. Dunning, Chief of Staff of the Realm of Georgia of the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, issued an official statement declaring that Mr. McAdoo's position was perfectly acceptable to the Klan. Whereupon, the Klan in Georgia—in which state it originated, and where its national headquarters is now located—threw its complete strength and its entire organization to the support of Mr. McAdoo, and succeeded in defeating Senator Underwood in Georgia.

"The male membership of the Klan in Georgia is estimated to be 40,000; add to that the voting strength of their families, and the result in Georgia is easily understood.

(Signed) C. C. CARLIN,
Chairman of the National Oscar Underwood Committee.

R. C. GORDON,
Georgia Underwood Campaign Manager."

It has been freely charged that Mr. McAdoo is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but this is not susceptible of proof. Like many men conspicuous in politics, his membership may be carried in the vest pocket of the Imperial Wizard, and not actually recorded. He may be what is known as a Klansman at large, and affiliated with the order through understanding and agreement with Imperial headquarters. This conjecture seems to be justified by the statement generally current in Klan circles that if McAdoo were elected president, there would be a Klansman in the White House.

The Imperial Klan was organized in the summer of 1922. The Wizard stated that the object of setting up the super-Klan was to record congressmen, governors, judges and other men of great prominence, whose names should not appear on the roster of local Klans. The purpose was, beyond question, to enroll men eminent in public affairs in the Imperial Klan and conceal their membership, not only from the public, but also from the Klan membership. Not an outstanding man in public office or one who is conspicuous as a candidate for office is registered in his community Klan, but everyone of them is enrolled at the Imperial Palace and his membership is locked in the vaults of the order. His connection is known only to Imperial Klansmen. This may explain the difficulty in identifying with the Klan conspicuous men in public service.

Taken from minutes of Imperial Klan:

Wizard: I do not only think it (Imperial Klan) will appeal to the nation for that reason alone, but I think it will give us an instrument very much needed for another purpose. We are face to face now with bringing into the organization men of large type, but men whose identity we absolutely want to conceal from even their local Klan—the Klan which is located where they live. For instance, congressmen, senators, governors, judges, and others whom we can line up as Klansmen, for whom it would be best, as well as for ourselves, that their identity be completely and absolutely concealed.

After the primary in Georgia, controversy arose in the state Democratic committee over the method of

selecting delegates to the state convention. The McAdoo managers selected and appointed delegates to the state convention with reference to custom or precedent formerly obtaining in the state, assuming that Mr. McAdoo's victory entitled him to have only such delegates as his friends might select. Certain state committeemen insisted on holding conventions in their respective districts and having delegates elected by popular vote, and in keeping with the custom of the party in Georgia. This did not suit certain of the Georgia Klansmen, and, in order to allay the dissatisfaction and, at the same time assert the authority of the Klan in Georgia politics, an imperial proclamation was issued by Nathan Bedford Forrest, Grand Dragon of the Realm of Georgia, directing the method by which delegates should be selected.

This proclamation of the Grand Dragon is perhaps the most unique document in the annals of American politics, and deserves reproduction. The proclamation is addressed to the Exalted Cyclops, and is as follows:

You are hereby instructed to consider the list of delegates named to the state Democratic convention from your county and ascertain the names of Klansmen appearing thereon, and issue to them the following instructions: No district caucus will be held prior to the convention. Such caucus will take place at the convention, as provided in the program. It is the earnest desire of Mr. McAdoo that his friends elect Major S. Cohen as national committeeman. Major Cohen is a high-class Christian gentleman, a member of the North Avenue Presbyterian church of Atlanta, and in every sense is acceptable to us, and we are assured that if he goes to New York the Klan's interests will be ably protected. Therefore, before electing a man for district delegate, the Klansmen voting should assure himself as to the stand such delegate will take with reference to Major Cohen, and, consequently, the interests of the Klan. You will impress upon the Klansmen delegates the absolute necessity for their attendance at the state convention.

Those who, for financial reasons will be unable to attend, should have their expenses paid by the local Klan. This is the time when everyone must do his bit, and the Klan expects that everyone will do his duty.

(Signed) NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST,
Grand Dragon, Realm of Georgia.

This autocratic interference with the suffrage of Georgia Democrats brought forth emphatic protest. It is interesting and significant that while dozens of letters were addressed to Mr. McAdoo, setting forth displeasure of his friends and followers at this high-handed procedure, no objector ever received any comfort, either from Mr. McAdoo or his managers. It is reasonable to assume that the whole procedure had Mr. McAdoo's consent and approval.

Wherever a McAdoo instructed delegation was selected, the Klan claimed at least one-half of the delegation. That concession did not satisfy the Klan, but adequate representation on the platform committee was also demanded. Under the terms and conditions obtaining at the selection of these delegates, the Klan had a strong minority vote in the convention. The balance of power on the platform committee was also in the hands of the Klan. With the convention constituted as it was, nothing could be more foolish than to hope that the Democratic convention would write an anti-Klan plank into its platform. Whatever may have been the feeling of a large part of the delegation, that feeling was not written into an anti-Klan plank in the platform of the Democratic party.

While it was generally supposed that the Klan power is stronger in the south than in any other section of the country, it was not the southern vote which was being nursed and fostered by the Democratic party. The powerful Klan vote in Indiana and Ohio were not offended and alienated by the Democratic party—nor by the Republican party, either, for that matter.

In the state of Missouri, James A. Reed was defeated through the machinations of the Klan, and the delegation from his native state was delivered to Mr. McAdoo. Senator Reed was not only defeated in his own state by the Klan forces, but the same organization kept him from entering the primary in the state of Georgia, and also from speaking in the interest of

Underwood in that state. The Klan secured the substitution of Senator Tom Heflin, and the representation was made that Heflin would be satisfactory to Underwood's spokesmen in Georgia, because he would neither hurt the Klan nor help Underwood. The exchange of telegrams regarding the arrangements to keep out of Georgia is well-deserving of space in this volume. The text of the wires is printed below.

NIGHT LETTER

February 9, 1924.

Mr. Harry Hoffman,
515 Continental Building,
Kansas City.

Treat this message in absolute confidence. Our bunch does not want to oppose Senator Reed in Missouri, but in obtaining this help, which is necessary for Reed to obtain the delegates to the national convention, I want to get an agreement that Reed will stay out of Georgia. Can you diplomatically approach any of the Reed managers and work out a deal by which, in consideration of our leaving him alone in Missouri, he will agree to stay out of Georgia? This is for your ears, and yours alone, not to be passed to any of the rest of our men. I am not in a position to engineer that matter and would like for you, a trusted lieutenant, to undertake this commission. Wire required.

W. F. ZUMBRUNN.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 10, 1924.

W. F. Zumbrunn,
Washington, D. C.

Have appointment Reed matter Monday. Am fully equipped to handle diplomatically. Will wire you fully. Wire me your mailing address quick. Absolute secrecy. Regards.

HARRY HOFFMAN,
413 Continental.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11, 1924.

W. F. Zumbrunn,
Washington, D. C.

Looks good. Does your wire mean Reed should refrain from making speeches in Georgia, or does it mean that his friends in Georgia are not to instruct delegates for him? Have right party here to talk to. Must first know arrangements required. Regards.

HARRY HOFFMANN.

THE MAELSTROM

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 13, 1924.

W. F. Zumbrunn,
Willard Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Negotiations running smoothly. They are sparring for time. Think they are in communication with Washington. Conference again tomorrow. Will advise promptly. Regards.

HARRY HOFFMAN.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 14, 1924, 5:13 A. M.

W. F. Zumbrunn,
Willard Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Temporary arrangements made for the cancellation of all Reed's speaking dates in Georgia. He will be in Kansas City about one week. Can then consummate final arrangements. Meanwhile your plans in Georgia will not be interfered with. Situation looks good.

HARRY HOFFMAN.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 22, 1924.

W. F. Zumbrunn,
Willard Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Party will not be in Kansas City until February 28. Meantime, temporary arrangements will stand.

HARRY HOFFMAN.

Kansas City, Mo., March 1, 1924.

W. F. Zumbrunn,
Willard Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Conference Reed matter today. Nothing definite. Am doing all possible to consummate arrangements. Kindest regards.

HARRY HOFFMAN.

Kansas City, Mo., March 3, 1924.

W. F. Zumbrunn,
Willard Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Complete satisfactory arrangements made senator matter. Regards.

HARRY HOFFMAN.

The following letter from California speaks for itself:

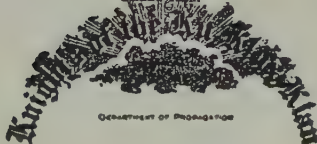


THE MOST SUBLIME LINEAGE IN ALL HISTORY

COMMENSURATING AND PERPETUATING AS IT DOES
THE MOST DAUNTLESS ORGANIZATION
KNOWN TO MANKIND

Imperial Palace

Imperial Chapter



DATED AT Los Angeles, Calif.,

Sept, 10, 22,

SEND REPLY TO 30 Walker Auditorium,

My esteemed Klansman:

For your information although it is not generally known, We succeeded in having Friend Richardson nominated for Governor A.E.I.A. we also elected Chas. G. Johnson State Treasurer A.K.I.A. In Fresno we defeated Gearheart K.O. District Atty who was active against us and elected another A.K.I.A. Judge Frederick Houser who presided at our trial was elected with an overwhelming majority Associate Justice District Court of Appeal. I will have many others to report after the November elections.

With kindest personal regards, I am.

Faithfully yours in the
Sacred Unfailing Bond

IN THE NAME OF OUR FATHERS--FOR OUR COUNTRY, OUR HOMES AND EACH OTHER

Judge Houser was the Man Who Freed the Inglewood Raiders

In Alabama, the home state of Senator Oscar Underwood, Mr. Underwood was given a hard contest by the Klan, from which he emerged victorious. But he was not through with the Klan, even when he had carried his state by a substantial majority. When it came to the matter of selecting delegates to the national Democratic convention, terms had to be made with the Klan, and the statement had gone throughout the Invisible Empire that half of the instructed Alabama delegates were Klansmen. This, perhaps, accounts for the statement of Mr. McAdoo's campaign manager that Mr. McAdoo would have half of the Alabama delegation when Mr. Underwood was no longer being considered by the convention. While the delegation in Alabama was selected by Mr. Underwood, he was powerless to select a delegation free from the domination of the Klan, and saw half of his delegates swing to the Klan choice for the presidency.

At the same time that Evans intrigued the nomination of Mr. McAdoo by the Democratic party, he conspired with leaders of the Republican party. In fact, the Klan seemed to have had much more favorable consideration from the Republicans than from the Democrats. More men of the Republican party in official position at Washington were identified with the Klan movement than were men of the Democratic party. Hostility to the Klan by the administration, expressed some months before when campaign issues were being joined, was merely apparent and not real. The demand of the Klan to take an opposition plank out of the platform in the Republican convention of Maine and the ready response of those sturdy Republicans to the demand seems to have arrested and silenced all protest against the Klan from Republican leaders. There was not even a suggestion to be heard in Washington from the camp of the administration that the Klan should be made an issue in the campaign, with a view to eliminating it from national politics.

Ed Jackson's nomination for governor in Indiana

seems to have established the Republican party in its attitude of good-will toward the Klan. In the contest in Indiana, Jackson ran as an open and avowed candidate of the Klan, and was nominated by a large majority over six or more competitors. This demonstrated the strength of the Klan, not only in the hoosier state, but also, by inference, in Ohio. These were the pivotal states in the presidential election. It is not strange that, following the nomination of Jackson, Senator Watson went to Indiana and proceeded to ingratiate himself with the leaders of the Klan from whom he had been formerly alienated. In the convention, where Jackson's nomination was ratified some time before, Senator Watson appeared in an attitude entirely conciliatory, if not sycophantic, in the presence of the triumphant Klansmen. On his return to Washington, he manifested a new interest in the Peddy-Mayfield contest, developed some zeal for a speedy conclusion of the investigation and engaged in secret conferences with Hiram Wesley Evans.

The political fortunes of Indiana and Ohio were bound to the Klan, and through the Klan to the Republican administration, by other ties than those which have been exposed to the public. D. C. Stephenson, of Indiana, was the commanding figure in Klan organization in the middle west. Both Indiana and Ohio were "kluxed" under his able administration. Mr. Stephenson had close, intimate, personal business relations with Mr. Mellon, secretary of the treasury. They were, and probably are now, partners in certain enterprises conducted in Ohio and Indiana. Stephenson, without reservation, admitted that he was engaged with Mr. Mellon in exploitations in the middle west from which he derived in profits \$1,400,000.00, and had contracts practically concluded for other enterprises from which he should receive \$2,000,000.00 more in profits. The governor of Pennsylvania, Gifford Pinchot, seems to have been associated with Messrs. Mellon and Stephenson in their projects at the beginning, but

he, for reasons which were not disclosed, broke with them and became antagonistic to their exploitations. Stephenson charged Governor Pinchot with being responsible for his failure to completely consummate the plans that were inaugurated for the making of many millions of dollars. These facts are stated, not so much for the purpose of showing a business partnership between the secretary of the treasury and the Imperial representative of the Klan in Indiana, as for the purpose of showing how closely the hooded organization was identified with the Republican party at the top, and how that affiliation may have affected the Klan vote in Indiana and Ohio.

The situation seemed to take the form that, regardless of which party won in the national contest, the Klan was sure to be established and fortified. The Democratic party, hog-tied, with its convention ramified by Klan delegates and unable to record its opposition to the organization, and the Republican party, actually identified with the Klan and currying favor with the organization, it appeared, from this point of view, that the Klan emerged from the presidential contest exerting and asserting an influence upon the government of the nation such as was never exercised by any minority organization of men in the history of the republic. Indeed, Evans has gone to and fro in the country, larding the lean earth with drippings from his swollen egotism, and wherever his exudings have fallen, the impression has been created that he desires himself to be the nominee for President in 1928.

In the state of Oklahoma, the Klan was bolder in its political activities than elsewhere. The organization went so far as to print Klan tickets and distribute them for the instruction of Klan voters for their use on election day. A letter introducing Judge Robert A. Rogers, of Oklahoma City, to E. Y. Clarke, carried the statement that Judge Rogers would explain to Clarke the Klan marks on the ballot by which the discrimination of Klansmen might be made at the time of voting.

Printed below is the official Klan endorsement of the candidacy of Klansman R. A. Rogers for justice of the supreme court of the state of Oklahoma. Some trouble arose on the inside of the Klan over the candidacy of Mr. Rogers, and the matter went into an acrimonious controversy on the inside of the Klan. During a visit of E. Y. Clarke, then Imperial Wizard Pro Tem, to the state of Oklahoma, the matter seems to have been submitted to him by Mr. Rogers for adjudication.

Memorandum of the interview between these two Klansmen is printed in full, because it not only shows the Klan in politics, but it also shows its animosity directed against members of the Roman Catholic church. This interview was taken verbatim, in accordance with the custom prevailing in Clarke's office, and is reproduced here, without editing or change of any kind whatever.

IMPERIAL PALACE

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 20, 1922.

Moved by Kl. Pyle and seconded by Kl. Maupen that this Klan endorse the candidacy of Kl. R. A. Rogers for the nomination as justice of the supreme court of the state of Oklahoma from judicial district No. 3, and that the Grand Dragon of the Realm of Oklahoma be respectfully asked to notify all Klans in judicial district No. 3 of this action. Motion carried unanimously.

I, the undersigned, certify the above to be a correct copy of the proceedings of Oklahoma City Klan No. 1, located at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

KLIGRAPP,

(Klan Seal)

Oklahoma City Klan No. 1.

P. S.—We personally know Kl. Rogers to be a man of exceptional ability and qualification, and, as he is the only candidate for this office, we earnestly solicit your support.

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 8, 1922.

Col. E. Y. Clarke,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir and Klansman:

This will introduce to you my friend, Robert A. Rogers, of Oklahoma City, a Klansman born. The condition in Oklahoma at this time is tense because of the men backing their special friend, Kimbrough, of Houston, Texas, lined up to a man against you. The newspaper reports claim their intention to be to destroy you with Col. Simmons and the Klan, thus depriving you of the position you occupy with Col. Simmons and in the minds and hearts of the Klansmen.

I have visited, in the last month, a majority of the Klans of the state, and I know that the men of the Klan in this state are backing you on every foot of ground.

Dr. De Barr's conduct with the Klans of the state and against the Klansmen running for office, recommended by the various Klans, has been everything but that of a Klansman.

Judge Rogers will go into detail, disclosing a copy of the ballot with its mysterious marks, issued by Dr. DeBarr to the E. C.'s of the state, and other charges. And if any other evidence is required by you it will be furnished through affidavits. Dr. DeBarr has been guilty of disloyalty to the Emperor, to you, and to every Klansman in this state.

With love, I am faithfully yours,

W. A. WICKLIFFE.

Memorandum of interview between Mr. Edward Young Clarke, Imperial Wizard Pro Tem, Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and Mr. Robert A. Rogers, Suite 522, First National Bank Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

MR. ROGERS: At the beginning of the contest for the state primaries there were three candidates for governor, all of whom were Klan men—Bolen, Oklahoma City; Howard, Tulsa; R. H. Wilson, Chickasha. It was very desirable to eliminate these candidates, and Dr. DeBarr interested himself mightily in the proposition. I conversed with him and said before Bolen, who was present, I was on the committee of nine, three from each of the candidates, to design and accomplish some process of elimination. I finally thought enough had been expressed to Bolen and I found out it had, and he got to Howard and he said, "This won't do. Let's go out," and we both got out, and brought Wilson in. Then, as shown by Exhibit A, my Klan, No. 1 of Oklahoma City, endorsed my nomination in my absence

against Judge Michael J. Cain, a Catholic, who delivered the fourth degree to the Knights of Columbus. There was another candidate at that time, one Elmer Fulton, who does not count in any sense of the word. The chairman of the court of criminal appeals of the state, which is exclusively criminal, Judge Thomas J. Doyle, similarly afflicted to Judge Cain, one of the leaders of the Catholic church in that county, and it was desired by Klansmen over the state, in unanimous accord, Republicans and Democrats alike, to eliminate both of these men. After the elimination of the two candidates for governor, I later made my campaign in my district of eight counties, and Chappell, a Klansman at Enid, a candidate for the Court of Appeals, made his campaign, and everything seemed to be sitting right; in the meantime, Tom Doyle, who lived in Perry, north of Oklahoma City, a make-believe and a make-shift, but in the position as Fulton as to qualifications and as to standing. There is the technical position. Then, later on, Grant London, the last E. C. who was here, comes to me and he says, "Dr. DeBarr wants to take in Fulton and naturalize him." "Well," I said, "we have a standing resolution in our Klan to this effect, that after a man has come out for office we will not consider his position until after the primary." So I said, in that event, the idea being under process of elimination by inserting the name of the new man by naturalization, I would talk personally as a personal friend, and I do not know what I should do, but my personal view is, would stay in the race and ruin the Klan's chances to have a man in the supreme court. Speaking for myself, I am naturally prejudiced to that extent, the influences in Dr. DeBarr's offices and on the floor of the Klan. Latterly, some friends of mine presented to the Klan this proposition in the most decent and respectful manner relative to Dr. DeBarr, that they could not understand why it was, and they sought the appointment of a committee to inquire in a most respectful manner from Dr. DeBarr why it was this resolution and letter coming from me had not been promulgated throughout this district. One got up and testified at a later date, on the outside of the Klan, that when that was presented to him in his private office he said to the secretary, "Do as you please." Later, a resolution in behalf of Wilson, the only remaining candidate for governor, was presented with the same request as mine to Dr. DeBarr, and he paid no attention, and until another day, last Thursday night, simultaneously through every Klan, was presented a list of state candidates, which is Exhibit B, on which neither Klansman Chappell's name appears, nor does mine, but Wilson's name is mentioned with hieroglyphics afterwards. I make the charge definite. First, that Dr. DeBarr and his friends are backing Thomas H. Owen, not a Klansman, as I know, for governor, as against Robert H. Wilson, the Klan's candidate. I make the

further charge that he has discouraged all attempts (I am stating this information, I am assured by my friends any investigation made will be backed up by evidence, but, personally, I know of certain things that point most positively to this proposition), that he is discouraging people to vote for Chappell and in favor of Doyle, the Catholic. Now I come to the most severe charge that I make. The next charge is this: That on or about the 12th or 14th of January, 1923, a conference was held at the state capitol of Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City. First, in the office of Justice Matthew J. Cain, who is a candidate for reelection and a K. C., and held the office for sixteen years—and it was afterwards adjourned to the office of the attorney-general. (A singular fact is, that a man, Short, the present attorney-general by appointment, applied to his home Klan down at Ida Bell and was unanimously rejected, and Dr. DeBarr naturalized him at-large.) These things do not set well with the Klan. At this conference that I refer to were present the said Judge Matthew J. Cain, the governor of the state—a crook of the first water, under indictment right now—Judge C. B. Ames—who represents considerable corporate interests, and who is my personal enemy, because I frankly said what I always do and what I think about him in the court room and drug store—and two other important corporation lawyers, representing big interests, and another corporation lawyer from this information was obtained who is clean and absolutely truthful, and I am bound in duty not to mention his name; also Dr. DeBarr was present. This lawyer, whom I will not mention, communicated this information that I am going to give you to a Klansman of very high class on the way to Washington, on the train, to this effect: At this conference, on or about the date mentioned, with the people mentioned, the question of the supreme justice for that district was under consideration, it being the only purpose of the meeting; it was unanimously agreed by all participating, including Dr. DeBarr, that because of his unusual fitness and experience of sixteen years, that Judge Cain should be renominated by the Democratic party of the third supreme judicial district. I am informed and, on information, state further that Dr. DeBarr further agreed that if necessary of his own accord and by his own authority he would naturalize Mr. Fulton, the other candidate of the three for supreme court, and that he would be kept in the race to split the Klan vote and so subserve the purpose of this conference by renominating Judge Cain. My friends, who sent me here, after the reading of Exhibit B in open Klan, and I am prohibited from attending by order of Dr. DeBarr (I have no objection), that notwithstanding the practical unanimity in all the eight counties—Blaine not having gone over the county at all—that Democrats and Republicans alike, and personally I assure you of that fact right now, were anxious

and willing to see me get the nomination, and the Republican officers of the Klan said, we cannot vote for Rogers in the primary, but will vote for him in the election—notwithstanding that practical unanimity all over everywhere, and they voluntarily in private meetings named my name and endorsed that resolution in Exhibit A. So I came down to you today with seven counties of the state and an invitation from two Klans in Blaine county, and they want me to come over; and your organization today is in seven counties. A captain, two lieutenants, four sergeants and three privates are attending to the business of the Klan in every precinct of these seven counties. This is the kind of organization we put on, and we can go out and get the goods, and name by name put it up. The Klan has the power and the votes to nominate its choice, and I say to you that my feelings are badly hurt. Poor old Chappell is handicapped at Enid. Bob Wilson is fighting against a rising tide, because he desires to get nominated and defeat this man Walton, who is a representative of the Socialists and was first nominated by the Socialist party at Shawnee. It was said by Dr. DeBarr that I was not qualified. I will merely say in defense of that, only two certain facts, one of them is that I am a university man, a law graduate of the University of Virginia, sat side by side with Woodrow Wilson in a class of 360, twenty-six of whom received their diplomas, and I have at least studied my profession and made myself a decent lawyer, because I have high ideals. I have not trafficked with crookedness. I have stayed put on the honorable path and I have followed it, and yet with nearly all of the lawyers in my supreme district backing me and with the independents who did not follow the roadway as marked out by these. Fine lawyers, but corporation lawyers, they always have corporate interests back of them. This is the situation, and if it had not been for the blind Senator Gore, Wilson would have written me asking me into the cabinet. I don't know but what I deserved it. I don't know how it looks to you. It is confidential. That truthful lawyer would never admit it, but he was a participant in that conference and his admission is first-class evidence by a truthful witness, is it not? That is all, sir. May the good God keep you always in his holy keeping.

MR. CLARKE: As Imperial Wizard, Pro Tem, I have listened with interest and appreciation to your statement, and I shall conduct and immediate investigation, and if an injustice has been done you, as indicated by your statement, and if you have not received Klannish treatment, due every Klansman who has proven himself loyal and true to the cause and worthy of the oath he has taken, any injustice or act of un-Klannishness against you shall be rectified.

THE KLAN CONQUEST OF COLORADO

It was sometime in 1921 that the Klan first began to inoculate Denver and Colorado with its virulent poison. With its invisibility, it came like a thief in the night to the land of sunshine. Under cover of "one hundred per cent Americanism" it came to steal away our harmony in social, business, church, club and fraternal life; to put in its place bigotry, antagonism and hatred. Its hooded members would make their appearance in some church, with gifts of money, and promises of support. The Klan was not taken seriously at first; many who saw the danger thought that by ignoring it the chance of its spreading would be lessened. But this proved to be a mistaken idea, for, like a spark in a sawdust pile, the smouldering fire burst and grew into a flame, and made itself visible in the municipal election in 1923. As a candidate for mayor, Ben. F. Stapleton, denied that he was a member of the Klan, said he had no sympathy for it—and that was his platform. A short time after being elected, it became evident that he was under the influence of the Klan, and he appointed to the office of city attorney one Rice W. Means, who was reputed to be a Klansman. It was an open secret that the Klan, at this time, was supporting this city attorney as a candidate for the short-term United States senatorship. Following the election, Dr. John G. Locke, Grand Dragon of the Klan, Realm of Colorado, publicly proclaimed that it was a victory for the Klan and proceeded, in behalf of the Klan, to take the entire credit for it.

Then the Klan went after the scalp of that able jurist, Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Juvenile court fame, and nominated for his place (which he had deservedly held for twenty-five years), one Royal R. Graham, a

Klansman, who was not a citizen of Denver, but who was imported from a distant county in the Klan's desperate attempt to wrest the office from the juvenile judge, whose fame is world-wide, and who vigorously and fearlessly denounced the hooded jackals.

Then came the state election. The Republican assembly that met to name candidates for the Republican primary tickets was in complete control of the Grand Dragon, a Democrat, who occupied a box in the rear of the City Auditorium and there reigned in state. He directed the proceedings. During the primary election for state and county offices, the Klan was represented on the Republican ticket in practically every county in the state, notably in Denver. With a large campaign fund and one of the strongest political machines that this state has ever seen, it elected a large majority of the Republican candidates; in a few instances, it supported and elected Democratic candidates, some of whom were members of the Klan, or in sympathy with it. The Grand Dragon said to an assembly of Klansmen: "We are not Democrats, we are not Republicans, we are Klansmen."

We could write many volumes on each of several phases of the struggle that followed. The Klan broke up meetings and denied free speech by sending hundreds of hoodlums and rowdies to these meetings.

Notably, the case of a great citizens' meeting at the Auditorium, in behalf of a non-Klan judiciary ticket. A gang of rowdies packed the hall and, apparently acting under a settled plan and instructions, proceeded to hiss and cat-call any speech with respect to the Klan. The police (under domination of a Klansman chief) offered no assistance; speakers were insulted; Col. Philip Van Cise, at that time Denver's district attorney, fought the Klan and defied the Grand Dragon, incurring the enmity of the Klan, and was therefore not only denied a hearing, but was heckled, abused and insulted. Women played no small part in these manifestations, as Judge Ben Lindsey so aptly said: "They paid ten dollars

to hate somebody, and they were determined to get their money's worth."

Next we find the Klan's attempt to gain control of the courts and the juries. In 1924, the present Klan governor, Clarence J. Morley, then judge of the criminal division of the district court of Denver, dismissed ten legally-drawn grand jurymen, had the clerk to furnish him blank subpoenas for jury duty, and had the court bailiff serve them. The bailiff was a member of the Klan, and so were the resulting jurymen. The present district attorney had the support of the Klan. In the Colorado legislature, a majority of the house are Klansmen, hand-picked by the Grand Dragon and his associates. Wherever civil service laws would permit, those not citizens of the Invisible Empire have been discharged from public office, and, as these lines are being written, the Klan is circulating petitions in an attempt to abolish the civil service law.

Here, we have the Invisible Empire functioning as the visible government, everything in the hands of the Klan, from the state militia to the last constable. The Grand Dragon picked an active Klansman, William J. Candlish, for chief of police of Denver and had him duly appointed by the Klan mayor.

To prove his hundred per cent Americanism, the Grand Dragon, John G. Locke, has made no income tax returns since 1913. Federal Judge Symes ordered Locke to produce his books; they mysteriously disappeared. Locke was fined \$1,500.00 and served a ten-day sentence in jail for contempt of court. Governor Morley had a salary voucher issued for \$1,599.00, state funds, in favor of Locke, whom he had appointed as governor's Aide-de-camp, Colonel medical corps, and director of recruiting and publicity, Colorado national guard. He failed to qualify for the first office, the second office was abolished by the legislature in 1915, and the third one never existed, except in the Klan governor's imagination. The state auditor was sustained by the state's attorney in his refusal to issue a warrant for

the funds called for by the voucher, thereby saving Colorado taxpayers the disgrace of paying the Grand Dragon's fine.

How is this for one hundred per cent Americanism?

"THE KLAN IS NOT IN POLITICS"—OH, NO!

News item, *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, Colorado,
March 7, 1925

GOVERNOR AND WIFE ON WAY TO DENVER

Morleys Attend Dinner Party
at Congressional Club in
Washington.

Washington Bureau,
The Rocky Mountain News,
421 Colorado Building.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Governor and Mrs. Morley of Colorado, who came to Washington for the inauguration of President Coolidge, departed this afternoon for Denver. They were special guests last night at a dinner party given at the Congressional Country club by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Zumbrunn.

Among the guests were Senator and Mrs. Means, Col. John G. Locke, Norman Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McBrayer, Miss Mary Helen Forest, Miss Gene McBrayer, Miss Mary McBrayer, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bossert and Darrough McBrayer.

Former Representative and Mrs.

YET SOME POLITICIANS SELECT STRANGE BED-FELLOWS

W. F. Zumbrunn, Imperial Klounsel (attorney)
for the Klan.

H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard.

Norman Campbell, secretary to the Imperial Wizard.

H. C. McCall, Imperial Ambassador.

John G. Locke, Grand Dragon, Realm of Colorado.

C. J. Morley, governor of Colorado.

Rice W. Means, U. S. senator from Colorado.

Charles E. McBryer, Grand Dragon of Kansas.



Giving the boys working instructions before election, on top of Kastle mountain,
near Denver, Colorado

FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE KLAN IS NOT IN POLITICS

At a specially called meeting, on June 30th, 1925, in Denver, John G. Locke, Grand Dragon of the Realm of Colorado, prior to tendering his resignation, in compliance with the demand of Imperial Wizard Evans, announced the indefinite suspension of the following members of the Colorado Realm of the Ku Klux Klan:

U. S. Senator Rice W. Means; Mayor Stapleton, of Denver; Ike Merrit, secretary to the mayor; Louis Uland, municipal traffic director; L. C. Kellogg, deputy sheriff; L. M. Hines, local political leader.

William Zumbrunn, Imperial Klounsel, attended this meeting as a personal representative of Imperial Wizard Evans.

Chief of Police Candlish, of Denver, escorted Ike Merrit, secretary to the mayor, from this Klan meeting. Several days later, all these men were reinstated by order of H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard.

[On the eve of going to press, we were advised by Carl S. Milliken, secretary of state of Colorado, of his resignation from the Klan, due to the Klan's interference with his office. We are pleased to see Mr. Milliken once again among the Americans who are not afraid to face the world unmasked, as a true American should be proud to do.—EDITOR.]

To cap the climax of the Klan activities in Colorado, history is repeating itself. As in other states, where the Klan reached the peak of its membership, political and financial power, a fight started among the Klan officials for control of that power, and possession of the spoils. This fight split the Colorado Klan in two

factions. One faction calling themselves "The Minute Men"—who had secretly organized themselves, even to the extent of having membership cards and other printed matter prepared—withdrawed from the parent organization in a body, and inaugurated a campaign to induce the remaining members of the Klan to join them. They even manipulated the title to realty, supposedly paid for and belonging to the Klan, in such a manner that the Klan found itself denied even its use for the purpose for which it was purchased—that of a meeting-place. The Klan has instituted a suit for the recovery of this property. The fight is a merry one—and, from all reports, a dirty one—and is surely a disgusting spectacle to sane, thinking men and women, and must give to those who have so generously provided the spoils some food for thought. The old aphorism, "When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues," is apropos to the situation, and may Colorado (where the back of the Klan is broken) profit thereby; and may other states, where a similar condition threatens, avoid a like pestilence.

CHAPTER VII

BLACKMAIL AND ESPIONAGE SYSTEM

In order to demonstrate the "All-Seeing-Eye" of the Klan, an elaborate system of espionage was constructed in the Imperial Palace. Fred L. Savage was brought from New York and given charge of the department, through which intimidation and blackmail were to be operated. The assumption upon which this spy system was built was a libel on humanity, but was in thorough accord with the entire Klan conception of the depravity of human life. Men who inaugurated the Klan and fostered it were so self-centered and absorbed in personal gains and, at the same time, so careless of their personal habits and morals that they inculcated, from the very beginning, the teachings in the Klan circles that every man was bad and must be treated as if he were a criminal. Men responsible for the Klan, in its foundation and in its upbuilding, were so dumb and obtuse to honor and decency as to regard all other men, if not reprobates, at least immoral. Hence, at the very threshold of the espionage department, this declaration that defamed every honest and honorable man in America was proclaimed: "Every man has a past. Get something on him."

An army of unscrupulous and disreputable men and women were employed by this department. They were commissioned to blacken reputation and besmirch character. Notable among these was Wash Mills, who has recently been convicted of the theft of a brief-case from Z. R. Upchurch, a crime that was committed under the direction of the espionage department of the Klan. Associated with him was Mrs. Abbie McGhee, and she, also, was indicted as an accessory in the theft

of the papers from Upchurch. She was notoriously lewd, and readily accepted a commission from the Imperial Palace to commit any crime or to participate in any outrage. In this connection, the case of L. D. Wade comes to mind. Wade was the Imperial Kligrapp of the Klan, and was the one man at the Imperial Palace who was affable, genial and gentlemanly in his associations. For some reason, he incurred the displeasure of his Imperial associates, and they plotted to disgrace him, and then dismiss him from official position. The task was committed to Mrs. Abbie McGhee, and when he had become intoxicated under her manipulations, and was completely in her toils, the apartment into which she had inveigled him was raided, and he was arrested. Wade was then driven from his official position, branded with infamy and made an exile upon the face of the earth. This is only one illustration of a number of cases that might be cited, where the espionage system was employed to utterly wreck, in character and estate, men whom the Klan desired—in the parlance of Hiram Wesley Evans—to “break.”

The deposition of W. H. Hames, in the Rittenhouse case, sets out all the shocking and revolting details connected with the Wade case, and he concludes his deposition as to that particular matter with the statement: “Wade, at that time, held the position of Imperial Kligrapp, which place Dr. Evans held until he was elected Imperial Wizard.” Hames further testified: “Deponent says that the investigating department is now being run under the supervision of F. L. Savage, who has converted an honorable and beneficial department of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan into an instrument of blackmail, crime and bulldozing; that the sole purpose for which the department is now being run is the spying upon Klansmen, and all other persons who say, do, or express thoughts contrary to the view of F. L. Savage.”

The deponent further stated: “There is not a man

within the order of any importance or influence, who has not been spied upon by one of Savage's employes." He goes on to say, "F. L. Savage, through his employes, is conducting the investigation department in the following manner, and for the purpose herein-after stated: If there is any person doing or saying anything contrary to Savage's views, or if there is a man of influence, either politically or socially, whom Savage desires to get within his power and control, he places one or more or many of his employes, including both men and women, on the trail of the party, who go snooping around, trying to dig up something against him in his past life, which they carefully note and report to Savage. His employes are instructed by him to get this information, if they find any, and, if not, to frame up circumstances and get the fellow trapped so that he cannot explain and disprove the facts as they appear to be, after having been framed. After getting a fellow framed properly, his employes report that to him at headquarters, and he carefully files same away, so that if the party whom he is after says or does anything contrary to his wishes, or if there is anything that they want this party to do which they think, perhaps, he would not do, he threatens him with the record that he has on file. These threats are sometimes made directly to the party, and, at other times, it is passed along to him in a roundabout way, so that he will not be able to discover the source from which it came. That is the system by which the investigation department is being conducted by F. L. Savage, and it is done for the purpose of getting as many people under his control as he possibly can."

The deposition continues: "That Savage, through his employes, not only dug up records of people's past life, both men and women, regardless of their purity and standing in the community, but also in many instances manufactured incriminating circumstances. In cases where a party is in the way of the plans of Savage, he instructs his men to put them out of the way in

any manner they see fit, just so they are placed where they cannot interfere with him.

"That Savage instructed the employes under him not to count the expenses when they were trying to get evidence on a party, but to use all the money they cared to for any purpose, such as buying whisky, employing crooked women, or anything else by which they could frame the party whom they were after."

Hames then states, circumstantially, a number of cases of espionage that came to his knowledge, and recites the facts concerning the operation of the system.

Hames' deposition was made on the 12th day of April, 1923, and in less than three weeks after he had sworn to the facts, as he knew them to be, he was approached by two men on one of the downtown streets in Atlanta, engaged in conversation for a moment or two, AND THEN SHOT TO DEATH, though he (Hames) was unarmed, by the men who approached him, one of whom was a police officer in the city of Atlanta.

Immediately following the resumption of supreme authority in the Klan by William Joseph Simmons, on April 2, 1923, the following official statement was issued by direction of the Imperial Klouncilium: "An espionage system has been built up and extended until it ramifies every organization in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Paid spies are on the inside of every organized Klan in America, to report on the conduct and utterances of Klansmen within the Klavern. The Invisible Empire, under present administration (Hiram Wesley Evans), has become a government by blackmail. The cost of the system is appalling. During the month of March, 1923, more than \$68,000.00 was diverted from the treasury of the organization and went to this department. I am determined that the American citizens associated with this organization shall no longer be subjected to this system of espionage, and the moneys coming to the treasuries of the organization shall no longer be diverted to the purpose of blackmailing Klansmen."

In order to show the ramification of the Klan espionage system's far-flung operations, the case of Rev. Dr. C. B. Wilmer, an Episcopal clergyman of Atlanta, Georgia, need only be cited. Dr. Wilmer, for many years, had been earnestly engaged in advancing in every laudable way the interests of the negro people of the south. He had identified himself with every undertaking that sought to bring about a better understanding between the white and black races. When the propaganda of the Klan was first disseminated, engendering racial hate and violence, Dr. Wilmer at once arrayed himself against the purpose of the Klan. He thereby brought himself under the condemnation of the order, and the espionage system was set to work to discover something in this gentleman's life by which his opposition to the Klan could be abated through blackmail. This investigation seems to have been, first of all, committed to a King Kleagle named Williams, in Richmond, Va. Somehow, the investigation found its way back to North Carolina, and was referred there to Mr. F. C. Handy, who was the chief of the United States department of justice, and stationed in that state. So thoroughly organized and far-reaching was the spy system of the Klan, that not only chiefs and captains of police, but also the head man of the department of justice in a southern state could be utilized to gather information and to blacken the character of an eminent and devoted minister of the gospel.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

Operating Department
File 66

Mr. F. C. Handy,
Department of Justice,
Raleigh, N. C.

Greensboro, N. C., April 11, 1921.

Dear Mr. Handy:

Referring to our conversation of the 7th, with regard to the Rev. C. B. Wilmer:

Agreeable to your request, I had Patrolman Rogers inves-

tigate this matter at Lynchburg, and beg to invite your attention to his letter of April 9, next attached.

If we can be of any further service to you in this case, or if there is any additional information you desire, please advise.

Yours truly,

J. F. WILLIAMSON,

Captain of Police.

D. C. Stephenson has the distinction of having made an unprecedented success of organizing the Klan. His achievements were accomplished largely in Indiana and Ohio, in which states, under his direction, more than 800,000 Klansmen were said to be naturalized. Stephenson seems to have become familiar with the espionage system and the practice of blackmailing, and in the fall of 1923 had acrimonious controversies with Hiram Wesley Evans over the conduct and the maintenance of that department. Apparently, Stephenson had himself been used and misused by the espionage system. At length, he came to the breaking point with Hiram Wesley Evans, and sent him the following telegram:

Columbus, Ohio, September 27, 1923.

Dr. H. W. Evans,
Eastman Hotel,
Hot Springs, Ark.

My wire to you yesterday and your wire back to me on the same date, together with your wire today which identifies your reply of yesterday to my former message, as being in reference to Orbison. If you wish me to reiterate all of the things which you have told me yourself and which have been told me by hundreds of good men in Indiana, and put it on paper, I shall be glad to do so, and have this day caused to be prepared a number of extensive affidavits by good men throughout Indiana and with these I want to tender you my resignation from all official connections with this office and all other territory over which I have control, because I cannot with any element of decency or self-respect continue to be a party to such small bickering. Time and time again, when you were fully cognizant of all the facts, you have permitted someone else to influence you in taking unnecessary thrusts at me and my friends in this section of the country by the implied inference that we were guilty of falsehood and that you would not believe thirty men who were in

Atlanta, but instead of that you took an arbitrary attitude against me because I am endeavoring to defend the good name of the organization in this section of the country by ridding it of political mountebanks and shysters with whose acts you are entirely familiar and about whom you have talked to me most freely. I am doing this with the utmost coolness, and considering what it means.

This is not the first time I have felt the impulse to rid myself of the whole embarrassing situation, where I have been humiliated and embarrassed and have been forced to sit idly by and see the very thing for which this organization stands in sacred reverence among men prostituted and cheated in a manner which to a fourth-grade school boy would seem either dishonest or silly and incompetent. Therefore, in fairness to myself and in defense of my pride, and responding to what I have always felt was a desire to deal honestly with my fellowmen, I am playing the game like a man, and am tendering you my resignation so that I may withdraw from all official connections and thereby eliminate the possibility of my presence hampering the desire or sordid selfish individuals who would betray the Master Himself for their own political glory and selfish ambitions. I have been called to all parts of the United States for a conference on alleged institutions, believing we were to discuss matters vital to the organization and vital to my country, when, upon arrival, I have been disappointed to find that it was only a desire to crush some poor individual or disrupt some man's homelife by embarrassing him with a distortion of facts and defamation of his character. I wish to take no part in any council sitting for this purpose, and with that in mind I am offering you my resignation. And this is only the culmination of a determination formed by me when we asked for evidence in connection with the activities of Orbison, after you yourself had so frankly discussed his political machinations with me, and after thirty honorable men from his home state explained in his presence his misconduct, malfeasance as a national officer and recited in detail how he had prostituted his high position by character assassination which was based upon and predicated solely in a desire to capitalize his political ambitions through the organization. I shall expect you in appointing my successor to take care of the staff of men assembled here to take care of the work, and I feel quite sure that the rank and file of the organization in this section of the country will expect these veterans to be taken care of.

D. C. STEPHENSON.

Evidently, a campaign of character assassination, the usual tactics of the Ku Klux Klan, was started

against D. C. Stephenson, on receipt of the above resignation.

We are printing the following telegram: (From *Tolerance*.)

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F A Columbus, Ohio.

1117 A October 13, 1923.

Dr. H. W. Evans,

Room 1528, Washington Hotel,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

I have been very much grieved to learn that you were in Indianapolis, engaged in a campaign to assassinate my character, and to know that this was your process of disposing of anyone who stood in the way of your cohorts, Comer and Christy. Comer recently circulated reports in Illinois that I had been kicked out of the organization. Christy told this all over Texas, and there were some men here to verify the statement that I had been ruthlessly removed from my connections. I learned in Indianapolis last night that you were operating in the character campaign, endeavoring to destroy the confidence of my strongest friends in me. I am, indeed, sorry that you have brought about a condition in which it is apt to be necessary for me to resort to the first law of the land, self-defense. If you insist on going further with your attack upon my personal integrity, I shall be compelled to write a page in the history of these days which will be a final answer to the *vulgar cowardly lies* which are now being directed at me and which all honorable men will resent with a decision which will rock the *foul cesspools of hate and jealousy which now flood the dollar-grabbers in Atlanta*. I am constrained to the opinion that a lot of us would muster a great deal more respect for your opinion if you would keep your promise to refund to me all that I have advanced to support your *foul doctrines*. Anyway, I want you at once to see that I am given back the funds that I have expended out of my personal account, or issue a statement that you do not intend to do so. Also, I wish you would cease to show my telegrams and cease to show your answers which you report were sent to me, but which, in fact, never were sent to me nor even were intended to be sent, but were designed by such double-dealers as your cohorts, Comer and othe such double-crossing artists. If you intend to make an issue with my friends in Indiana, why do you not play the part of a man and invite me to sit in conference when you are making your allegations? I challenge you or any of your cohorts to meet me before any organization in the state of Indiana and sustain the *foul lies*

which Comer and Christy and others have circulated in Indianapolis during the past twenty-four hours. I assume you know I control papers in both Indiana and Ohio, and I am just a little inclined to the opinion that you are not unaware of my courage to use two papers to vindicate myself. *All the honorable men in the nation demand that you answer these things and pull off your character vultures or present some reason why they should proceed with direct assassination of the reputation of men who are morally, intellectually, and financially their superiors. To this telegram I demand that you wire Dr. McDowell your instructions.*

(Signed) D. C. STEPHENSON,
12:40 P. M.

CHAPTER VIII

DR. HIRAM WESLEY EVANS, THE PAINLESS EXTRACTOR

Hiram Wesley Evans, the present Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, like William Joseph Simmons, is a product of Alabama. He, however, migrated to Texas in early life, leaving behind him, in his native state, rumor and records of youthful delinquencies, which his subsequent career, as an unethical practitioner of dentistry and as a professional Ku Kluxer, has not obliterated. He is a type of arrested development. He ceased to grow except in corpulency, at the age of adolescence and apparently suffered atrophy inside the cranium at the time he was sixteen.

Like his predecessor, Concubine Simmons, he was untaught in schools and unpolished by contact. Evans obtained his diploma as a dentist, it is said, not through the regular methods of study and training in a reputable school, but through devious obscure methods of correspondence. If at all, he acquired a semblance of right to practice in the honorable profession, it was through the procuring power of money and not through the exercise of mentality. In Dallas, Texas, his conduct as an unethical practicing dentist completely ostracised him professionally. He advertised for patients, cut the prices and had a practice restricted to the negro population of that city. His income was meager and he lived in comparative obscurity without any evidence of either luxury or comfort. Most assuredly there was no evidence of prosperity, either in the office approached by rickety, unswept stairs, where his trade was plied, or in the home that he tenanted with his family. He testified in the Rittenhouse case in the superior court of Fulton county, Georgia, by way of explaining

his opulence after going to Atlanta, that he had sources of income other than the salaries and fees he received from the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. If, during his residence in Dallas, there were sources from which money flowed into his coffer, that fact was not indicated by his surroundings or by his habits.

Evans sought the Masonic fraternity and seems to have found in it satisfaction for his social desires, as well as his political instincts. He has worked his way through the graduations of Masonry. He has been characterized, by intrigue and chicanery, through his entire connection with Masonry. He formulated cliques and developed factions in the fraternity. He is charged with having disrupted the Eastern Star in the state of Texas and with having introduced bitter partisanship into the grand lodge of Texas. It was there he created and perfected the method of alienating friends, of destroying confidence between men, of disrupting cordiality and of arraying brother against brother. It is what he calls the "putting out of poisoned meat." It is a process of whispering by which suspicion is excited and loyalties are broken among men. The poison having been distributed, men, who trusted each other, have become estranged through the surging of bad blood and the stirring of hateful impulses. It is seriously questioned whether the Masonic fraternity in Texas can ever recover from the distribution of poison made by Evans and resume the fraternal, helpful, trustful relations that should obtain in that order, within a generation.

During the time Evans was living in Texas and before he had become identified with the Klan movement, he was not always careful in his personal habits. Neither the demands of his profession nor the duties of his Klankraft was so exacting as to deny him time to indulge his personal tastes and pursuits. In moods of hospitality towards his fellow Klansmen, especially if they happened to be conspicuous in the official company of the Klan, he has been known to dispense good

cheer. An interesting story is told by the most spectacular and picturesque lecturer that the Georgia Klan has on its rostrum. This man has a winning personality, elegance of speech, rich in pathos and humor, and is the master of every audience before which he appears. Perhaps, no man connected with the organization has done more to present it favorably to the American people and to win recruits in vast numbers than this masterful man with a tongue of silver. He has, however, a single weakness and that weakness is both an inherited and cultivated taste for strong liquor. He was dispatched to Dallas, Texas, to lecture in the interest of the Klan, under the direction of Hiram Wesley Evans, who was at that time the Exalted Cyclops of Dallas Klan No. 66. This lecturer, whose name is Caleb A. Ridley, has told the story many times and in many companies, of how Evans dispensed and manufactured intoxicating liquors with the result that both he and Evans, for days together, engaged in what might be properly designated a drunken orgy. The hurt to the propagation of the Klan was negligible, but the personal injury to the lecturer in "putting the bottle to him and making him drink also," has gone through the years succeeding. Ridley has reorganized himself, time and time again, to stand erect for a time, only to fall again. Just now, after passing through humiliating and distressing conditions, he is undertaking to build himself all over again with every prospect of succeeding, unless his appetite is excited and his blood is inflamed with drink. We are watching, with a great deal of interest, the contest of this man to give his higher nature ascendancy over his lower nature, that out of the struggle a man may get supreme mastery of himself, and the question we wonder at is: Will Evans permit him to win the fight? Should the man become dangerous in assailing Evans in his character and qualifications as the leader of the Ku Klux Klan, or in his maladministration of the affairs of that order, will he not be seduced and prostrated again in order to

silence his tongue and to abate his opposition? Stranger things than that have happened, but none that we can recall—or meaner. One is reminded, again and again, when thinking of the system of distributing poisoned meat, of the assassination of the character—as well as the assassination of life—of Evans statement in Pennsylvania and again in New Jersey, when poor, old Captain W. E. Coburn was murdered: “No man can fight the Klan and live.”

THE STAGGERING KLUD

“The Rev. Caleb Ridley was arrested on the principal street of Atlanta, Georgia, and charged with driving an automobile while drunk. Two bottles of whiskey were found in his automobile. The Rev. Mr. Ridley told officers he had been out in the country. There, he said, he met a farmer who gave him a drink of liquor. It seems that the liquor went to the parson’s head, and the car was negotiating a very dangerous passage through a busy street of Atlanta.

“The Rev. Mr. Ridley is the Imperial Klud of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This office means that he is national chaplain of the order. He resigned the pastorate of a Baptist church in Atlanta so that he could devote all his time to the high and holy work of the hooded order.

“Day by day it is becoming a greater honor to be a Kluxer and have the privilege of associating with these moral exemplars, safe from the corroding and degrading influence of the ‘alien’ world.”

Brother Ridley’s name is forever engraved in the Ku Klux Klan hall of fame.

Rev.(?) Ridley! What a travesty upon the religion of the holy Nazarene!

Rev.(?) Ridley is, no doubt, the impersonation of the Klan’s conception of Christianity, but we “aliens” beg to be excused.

"I HAVE PRONOUNCED THE KLAN AN INFAMOUS ORGANIZATION"

By J. M. PARKER, Governor of Louisiana

(Extracts from Speech)

"Your great issue is Klan and anti-Klan; whether we desire to work as a law-abiding, God-fearing people under our laws, or whether we are willing to permit an organization to supersede our laws—an invisible government take control of the state—and then, if possible, of the nation; and if we, of Louisiana, are spineless enough to permit a condition of this kind, then we need no lawyers, no district attorneys, no courts, and no temples of justice.

"Many splendid men, without a full realization of what their step meant, joined the Ku Klux Klan. Many of the best men, realizing the power of that organization and its methods, have withdrawn from it, and I congratulate them on their courage in taking this step. When we permit any super-government, working under cover of darkness, cowl and gown, to supersede the duly constituted authorities, and to sow the seeds of hate and religious intolerance, we are tearing down the pillars of modern civilization, which act, sooner or later, is bound to mean the crumbling of American institutions and American ideals. It is not a question of the mask and secrecy alone.* It is the awful spectacle of an organization which seeks to drag into the dust those principles of freedom, justice and personal rights and religious tolerance, built up by our ancestors, which have made America great.*

"The policy of the Imperial Wizard is the policy of the Louisiana Klan, and that policy is to class the Catholics and the Jews with the Negroes as elements that defy assimilation. The Louisiana Klan is in this cam-

paign for governor. It is in politics to control the next state administration and state legislature. It is appealing to the bitter racial, religious hatreds and prejudices of the people to make votes for its choice.

"I have pronounced the Klan an infamous organization, the tenets of which violate the principles laid down in the declaration of independence and desecrate the constitution of the United States. Its Imperial Wizard declares it to be a great Protestant organization, dedicated to one hundred per cent Americanism. I am a Protestant, and the son of a long line of Protestants. I am a Mason, and I say to him that whenever he proclaims Ku Kluxism as a Protestant organization that he defames the memory of those holy men who bled and died in the fight against religious intolerance, and insults every intelligent Protestant in this land, and whenever he or his cohorts seek to hold the Protestant church of America up to the world as the oppressor of mankind, and the sponsor of his kind of Americanism, then I, for one Protestant, shall declare that he lies.

"Three years ago the Klan began to lay its foundation to seize political control of Louisiana. Its missionaries came into our state at an unsuspecting moment, preaching its doctrine of one hundred per cent Americanism, and wherever possible, feel its way to plant the poisonous weed of religious and racial hatred. They worked upon the natural prejudices of the white man against the black, saying very little about the religious warfare, until the organization began to take a firm foothold.

"The use of the hood and mask, and the alleged stand for law and order, was but a theatrical guise thrown out to the weakling to hold his imagination. Assuming the name as well as the regalia of an organization romantically entwined through the history of the south, but long since dead, they had a ready appeal to the unthinking southerner.

"You are familiar with the outrages of Mer Rouge. So long as the present generation lives the horrible

deaths of Daniels, the gallant soldier, and Richards, the mechanic, denied even the dogs' right of defense, will cause a shudder.

"You have read what followed—how the effort of the state was balked at every turn by the Klan when the attempt was made to bring the perpetrators of the outrages to justice. You heard the governor of Louisiana denounced for attempting to uphold the constitution and the law. You read the testimony of witnesses, who swore that the oath of allegiance to the Klan superseded their oath to the constitution."

CHAPTER IX

THE KLAN AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

During the past, the members of the Klan have been extremely active in controlling the main offices in each city in the nation. In order to accomplish their selfish ends, the methods used by the Klansmen have made the blood boil in the veins of every true American. Many of the crimes committed by the Klan have been suppressed, but many more have been printed and stand as a blemish on the order formed in the days of the civil war. Law has been cast aside and a reign of self-appointed guardians of public welfare has resulted in loss of life and the creation of a religious hatred almost unsurpassed in the annals of history.

For years the Klan has opposed the Catholic domination of the public schools, but the Houston (Texas) *Chronicle* publishes:

Beaumont, Texas.—What is taken to indicate an organized effort to force instructors in public schools in Texas to become members of the Ku Klux Klan is brought to light in a letter just now made public by S. J. Lester, former principal of the Millard school in Beaumont, to the city school board and superintendent. Briefly, the letter is to the effect that after the instructor had been informed that he would soon be superintendent of one of the junior high schools, he was invited by a member of the board to attend a "lecture," the nature of which was not made plain.

It developed into a Ku Klux Klan lecture, and when the tests were being made, according to Klan standards, and he refused to stand up, he was invited to leave the hall. The school board member then informed him that he had created a very "embarrassing position" and that the time had come when all instructors in public schools should become members of the Klan. He was denied the promotion, and, subsequently, declined his old

appointment, accepting a position with the Galveston schools at a better salary. His letter to the board reveals the entire scheme in detail. It is as follows:

"Mr. J. R. Roberts, President; Mr. H. B. Funchess, Chairman Committee on the Selection of Teachers; Mr. W. E. Moore, Superintendent, Beaumont City Schools.

"Dear Sirs: Acknowledging my election by you to a ward school principalship for the ensuing year, contract covering which has reached me for signature, permit me to remind you that I will not be interested in such a position, and to recall to you that it was a junior high school principalship concerning which, more than a year ago, I approached the individuals comprising your board of education. From these individuals came ample encouragement as to this promotion being mine to warrant me in taking special work in junior high school administration and related subjects. This I did at Chicago University last summer, thus supplementing previous work along similar lines, which I had taken there.

"It was for a junior high school principalship that you, Mr. Moore, recommended me to the board of education, as announced by you to me on November 14, 1923. You then asked me to file formal application for same. I did so, promptly. You, Mr. Funchess, may recall that on the following day, when I left the application with you as chairman of the committee on selection of teachers, you considerably and frankly volunteered me the information that it was the consensus of the board that the post for which I then applied was to be mine, you thoughtfully naming the salary which you stated would obtain. For all of this information I thank you, Mr. Funchess. Even as recently as April 5 of this year one member of your board stated to me that no word contrary to my promotion had ever been intimated to this member; that according to this member's knowledge of the matter it was the then understanding of the board that I was to be named principal of one of the two junior high schools. Seemingly you had not yet informed this party as to your change of plans.

"As you know, I have had more than sixteen years' Texas teaching experience, thus running the gamut from lone teacher of the country crossroads variety to department head in highly affiliated and small town superintendencies of schools having excellent rating with the State University. In none of these have I failed to give satisfaction. By way of preparation I have had the training which a Peabody B.S. and Chicago University work toward an A.B. degree signify. Too, I have given a decade of conscientious effort to your school system and its patrons while principal at Millard. Since coming to Beaumont, I have spent five summers in colleges or universities.

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"Irrespective of my preparation and experience, and after your sundry assurance that one of these positions was mine, the gentleman from Neederland and his colleague from Jennings were given the junior high school principalships, while you would now relegate me to a ward school from which a junior high removes the two upper grades.

"As servant of all interests, I have ever maintained neutrality in my relations with the public, but where an issue demands absolute renunciation of my personal convictions, I am grateful for having been endowed with a conscience which functions. During the ten years' incumbency here I have never been an agitator in sectarian or political issues. This, as doubtless you know, I explained to a gentleman who solicited my application for membership in the Ku Klux order in early January; he advised me that the board did not wish to elect to the junior high school principalship a man who was not in sympathy with the Klan; this conversation was subsequent to one with another gentleman who much earlier sought my expression in the premises and obtained a reply along similar lines. To another party, who suggested the advisability of aligning with the Klan in order to secure the principalship in question, I stated that I should be the most contemptible member in the order, should I join merely to get the job.

"You will recall, Mr. Funchess, that less than one week after one of your assurances as to my taking charge of a junior high school you asked me to be your guest at a lecture at South Park College, on the evening of February 16 of this year. You perhaps inadvertently neglected to mention that the evening's lecturer was to be an exponent of the Ku Klux Klan, or that the meeting was scheduled to terminate in an appeal for ratification of the Klan's practices and a call for additional members.

"As we know, this transpired, and because I could not subscribe to your lecturer's proposition that the Klan in all of its ramifications be everywhere and in every way pushed forward, I was required to leave the assembly. Upon joining me, you stated, as you are aware, that I had placed you in an embarrassing position, to which I replied that it was mutual; that I had gone with you to hear your lecturer, not to join the Ku Klux Klan. You mentioned that, while you were not holding it as a bludgeon over me, the time had come when all public school men would have to align with the Klan. I assured you that if such were the case, I would have to seek other avenues of livelihood. I understand that my unavailability for the desired position dates from this night.

"While the promised promotion, with its consequent increase in salary, would have been a consideration of real worth to me, I feel that liberty constitutes a far richer compensation.

"Declining to accept the proffered ward school principal-

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ship, for which I did not apply, I herewith return to you, unsigned, contract covering such position for the 1924-1925 term.

"Yours very truly,

S. J. LESTER."

KLAN PRESENTS NEW FLAG TO COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday witnessed a ceremony in Englewood, Colorado, which gave a new meaning of the Ku Klux Klan to those who witnessed the raising of "Old Glory" on a new flag-staff, presented to the school by Littleton Klan, No. 9.

A platoon of soldiers from the 38th infantry, Fort Logan, under command of Sergeant Vought, formed the color guard, while Battery B fired a salute of 150 guns.

Rev. Norfleet opened the ceremony with prayer, and, after the presentation speech by Chief of Police Tucker, Bishop Bridwell delivered a speech on "Americanization."

The flag-pole is sixty-six feet high, weighs two tons, and is surmounted by a large copper ball with the letters K. K. K. welded on both sides, clearly legible from the ground.

The picture here presented is a striking one, indeed.

Here we have the school-house in the background.
In front is a flag-pole.

Flying from the pole is an American flag.

BUT—

Above the flag—

And clearly legible from the ground—

Is the symbol of the Klan.

Three large K's—

Are soldered on the sides of the ball—

Which tops the pole—

And a troop of American soldiers—

Under command of an American officer—

Are standing at salute.

There also—
Is a Protestant bishop—
And a Protestant preacher—
And a chief of police—
And five thousand citizens—
And a group of sheet-bedecked kluxers.
All are standing at salute—
And, looking up—
They see the flag—
AND ABOVE THE FLAG—
The sign of the Klan.
And every day—
As the children of that school—
Go through the flag drill—
They salute the flag—
AND ABOVE THE FLAG—
The sign of the Klan.
Thus it is plainly the idea—
That the children shall be taught—
In the public schools of America—
That it is all right—
And proper—
For the sign of the Klan—
To be raised—
ABOVE THE FLAG.

And this is the Klan idea of the proper way to "protect" the public schools of America.

Another interesting incident has just come to light. The city of Littleton, Colorado, is the seat of the county government, and this county is cursed with a Klan administration. And they also have public schools. And these schools are under the influence of the Klan administration of the county. It is said that the chief requirement to obtain a school to teach in that county is membership in the Klan. There were six non-Klan teachers in that county during the year just closing, and a member of the newly-elected Klan school board has boasted that there would be none next year.

In this county, there was recently held some kind of an essay contest, with the Ku Klux Klan as a subject. And, while this is being written, there is on display as an exhibit in those schools the "best" of those essays—that is the essay which sets forth in most friendly terms the glory of the Klan. And the children of that county, without knowing anything of the inner workings and the political and moral corruptions of the organization, are taught to believe that the Klan is the personification of Americanism. And they go to their homes and talk of their hatred for the Catholics, and the Jews, and the Negroes, and the foreign-born.

But that is not all. Many of these children go to Sunday school and church, and some of them, at least, are under the influence of such pastors as Norfleet, and men of that type, who have sworn allegiance to an Invisible Empire and a program of hatred and prejudice. And as children, growing up under such influences, come to manhood and womanhood, what will be their qualifications for citizenship in such a nation as the United States of America?

INTELLECTUAL (?) KLAN PROPAGANDA

(From "*Christ and Other Klansmen.*")

Every Knight of the Ku Klux Klan is a believer in Christianity, and we believe every Christian should be a member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Klansmen are right, scripturally right, in saying to Jews: "Ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in America."

America, we see thee arising in thy might,
And banishing the aliens who seek thy name to blight.
The Ku Klux Klan is writing across thy face so fair,
"This is a white man's country, let other men beware."
The devils may oppose thee, through Jesus thou shalt win;
For God and faithful Klansmen shall free the earth from
sin.

By reading Micah 7:2 and the first chapter of "Habakkuk" (the three K's in "Habakkuk" mean Ku Klux Klan), "you will see the truth."

As Rome is politically and pretendedly religious, she is the only order that will be judged by the righteous Judge.

When the great whore is judged, many in heaven will sing "Hallelujah," just as Klansmen are now singing "Hallellujah."

God has put into the hearts of Klansmen to educate other men concerning the surety and sweetness of "one language."

"You are no ordinary man, you are a Klansman."

Upon the Klan rests the hope that a nation of Americans can, and will, be preserved.

"The Jew has never produced anything and never will."

When the whale swallowed Jonah (the Jew), after three days, not being able to digest him, the whale had to throw him up.

Klanism was born upon, grows upon, and will forever live upon sacrifice.

"Christ and Klansmen are builders."

"The man who fights the Ku Klux Klan is helping sin to reign."

God is Klanish and works secretly. The reason that some people object to the Klan working secretly, is because they do not rightly divide the truth.

"God is the author of Klanism."

THE PHILOSOPHY OF HIRAM W. EVANS

IMPERIAL WIZARD, in *The Klan of Tomorrow*

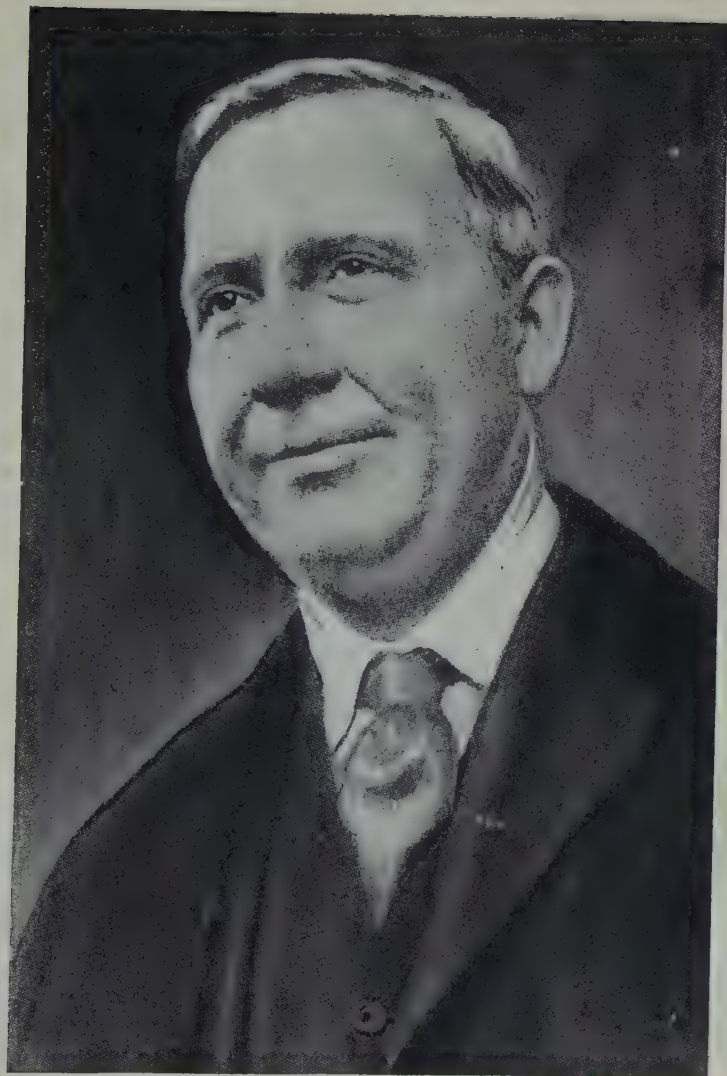
The leadership of the Klan must be strengthened. Upon the Klan our civilization depends.

The Jews are lacking in what we call public spirit. They live for the moment. Their minds, in idealism, ever center on material things. They think of brotherhood in terms of dollars.

The Celts, chiefly Irish, are like the Jews; they do not assimilate, they are unstable. Though active in politics, their loyalty goes first to the Roman church.

The Mediterranean peoples, are the remnants of the Roman empire. They come from lands where incompetency and laziness can survive; they are also unstable. They are trained in submission to the Roman church.

The Alpine people form Europe's peasant class. The Slavs and southern Germans are hard workers, but



HIRAM WESLEY EVANS
Imperial Wizard

contribute nothing to leadership. They are controlled and dominated by the Roman church.

We have allowed these alien elements to usurp the places of men and women who would be born of pure American stock.

All these are cosmopolitans—cosmopolitanism includes universalism, sovietism, communism, socialism, anarchism, Judaism, and especially Roman Catholicism. Inconsistency, thou art a jewel.

[In many cities we have cosmopolitan clubs, whose memberships are made up of high moguls of the Klan, who do not want to mix with what they call the "saps."—EDITOR.]

We honor every man who fought for this country in the late World war; we appreciate his heroism and sacrifice. However, we cannot admit that this sacrificial service made of any alien an American.

The declaration of independence says that all men are created free and equal, and are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It says men are entitled to liberty. It does not say that any man is entitled to political power. It says pursuit of happiness, but it does not say we must provide it.

When you think of George Washington, remember that what we now call Klancraft was in his heart.

The day of the Roman Catholic and the anti-Christian Jew has come to an end.

CHAPTER X

THE KU KLUX KLAN AND THE MASONIC FRATERNITY

Thousands of Masons have been gulled into the Klan, because they were led to believe that the Klan was fostered by the Masonic lodge, as smooth-tongued solicitors of the invisible jackals quietly passed the word along to Masons, that "the Klan is, in fact, a Masonic movement." High officials in the order have spoken in no uncertain way, and, in this connection, we present a statement from Andrew L. Randall, who, we understand, has been for some years past grand master of the Masonic lodge of Texas :

"An organization such as the Ku Klux Klan, which, for whatever seemingly good purpose, undertakes to set aside and supersede the legal agencies of the state, to become, at its own sweet will, a secret and irresponsible criminal court and a night-riding executioner of its own decrees, is opposed to and subversive of the American system, under which every man has a constitutional right to a fair trial by jury, and to the possession of his liberty and property until deprived thereof by due process of law. The method of such an organization, even though it may be intended to accomplish good, if allowed to continue, will, in time, destroy the American respect for the sanctity and majesty of law, and set up the lawless method of the mob in its stead. It will supersede the sober public judgment of the courts with the hasty private judgment of the Klan; it will substitute fear of the mob for respect for the courts, the order of the Cyclops for the decree of the magistrate; it will set up before the world the blacksnake whip, the bucket of tar, and the

surgeon's knife as the emblems of American methods and American justice."

There is perhaps no better authority than Richard H. Hanna, deputy to the supreme council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry, who, in the *Bulletin*, under date of October 25, 1921, issued the following statement:

"True Masonry insists on just laws rigorously enforced and is ready at all times to assist the constituted authorities in that enforcement, but never to *violate the laws in the enforcement process*. This Ku Klux Klan is to be avoided as one would a pestilence."

Herold J. Richardson, senior grand warden and potentate of Media Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Watertown, New York, in a recent Masonic address to the Shriners' club at Rochester, made the following statement:

"Freemasonry is founded on broad and tolerant lines, and it is based on principles of equality. These are things that make for world peace, and any organization or individual that opposes such standards is a danger.

"There are some who state that names of Masons are to be found on the membership rolls of the Ku Klux Klan, but this is most doubtful, as the thing is almost an impossibility. If, however, such is ever found to be the case, there should be no hesitation in exposure of the man who not only betrays his fraternity, but also his pledge to his flag."

We take the following from a message of Grand Master Arthur S. Tompkins, which appeared in the *Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the state of New York*, December, 1923: To the Freemasons of New York State:

During the year I have received numerous inquiries respecting our attitude on the subject of the Ku Klux Klan. Recently, a lodge passed a resolution, a copy of which was forwarded to me by its secretary, under the seal of the lodge, asking for my reasons for being opposed to that organization. My reply was as follows—I am giving it to the craft in this manner at the suggestion of my associate grand lodge officers:

"My Dear Brethren:

"The cornerstone of Freemasonry is the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and we are taught in the Great Light that of one blood made He all the nations of the earth, wherefore all men are brothers, members of one family and children of one common Father. In the ceremony of dedication, we are taught that Freemasonry is neither bounded by geographical lines, nor circumscribed by race, creed or time. Toleration is one of the cardinal principles of our fraternity, and that relates directly to religion, and concedes the right of every man to worship God freely and according to the dictates of his conscience, and in his own way, and according to forms and ceremonies of his own church.

"This is not only sound Masonic doctrine, but it is pure American doctrine. No Mason should associate himself with any organization whose principles, methods or activities have the effect of fanning, intensifying and keeping alive the fires of religious bigotry, racial hatred or class antagonism.

"I know the claim is made that the Klan is not opposed to any class, race or creed, and that it is free from hate, but its printed documents and the declarations of its leaders and its methods and activities prove the contrary.

"Printed circulars that I have in my possession, giving the principles of the Ku Klux Klan, state, in substance, that this government must be made and kept a white Protestant-Gentile government; and in an address delivered in Dallas, Texas, recently, by the Imperial Wizard, H. W. Evans, he made the statement before a vast audience of many thousands, that Negroes, Catholics and Jews can not be one hundred per cent American, and hence should be excluded from participation in governmental affairs. Such a statement is false, unjust, un-American, and un-Christian.

"The statement that this is a white Protestant-Gentile government is true only in the sense that there are more white people and Protestants and Gentiles in the nation than those of any other race or creed. This is not a Protestant government, nor a Jewish government, nor a Catholic government, nor a Gentile government, nor a white man's government, nor a black man's government in the sense that the laws, liberties, privileges, blessings and opportunities of this republic are exclusively for any one race or creed, or that any one class, race or creed shall dominate any other with respect to its religious, political and civil rights. The Klan would divide the American people into hostile groups.

"The true purposes of the Klan are not to be learned from its ritual or its oath, but from the underlying motives, as they have been expressed and made manifest by its leaders and by

the acts and conduct of its members in many parts of our country.

"My views on this subject have the unqualified support of my associate grand lodge officers, and my views stated in my annual address at the last session of the grand lodge received the approval and endorsement of that body.

"Finally, my brethern, I want to make it plain and clear that the grand lodge will not tolerate in any degree the linking up or association of the Masonic fraternity in this state with the Ku Klux Klan, and will take drastic action, if necessary, to maintain this position.

"Sincerely and fraternally yours,

"ARTHUR S. THOMPkins,

"Grand Master.

"Nyack, N. Y., December 22, 1923."

THE DAMNING EVIDENCE OF THE KLAN'S ATTEMPT TO PROSTITUTE MASONRY



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Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 21st, 1923.

Dear Klansman,

I am advised by the Hon. James S. Vance, General Manager of the Fellowship Forum, that it is his purpose to secure from Grand Masters and other Masonic officials throughout the country, expressions regarding the Klan. It is his purpose to prepare a strong story about the Klan and include in his article these various expressions of attitude. He has asked me to furnish the names of fifty (50) or a hundred (100) prominent Masons to whom his general letter may be sent.

Since this is his purpose it will be well for us to be sure that these letters reach men who will express themselves favorably.

To this end I am asking that you furnish me the names and addresses of at least two prominent Masons in your state who, if they write at all, will write favorably to our cause. An immediate reply will be appreciated.

Faithfully yours,

Wm. J. Mahoney,
Imperial Klokard.

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IN THE NAME OF OUR FATHER... FOR OUR COUNTRY, OUR HOMES AND EACH OTHER

CHAPTER XI

ALIEN-BAITING—A HERITAGE OF OLD

The agitation against the foreign-born resident is almost as old as the United States itself. Following the days of the alien and sedition acts, when there was a good deal of popular indignation concerning alleged intrigue by European agents in this country, there came a period of conflict with Great Britain, which took up our excess energies for a time. After 1812, there was considerable migration to the United States. There was, at the same time, a large movement of our own population to the Ohio valley, and the immigration from Europe began to fill up the gaps left by those who moved over the Alleghenies.

In 1817-18, certain zealous newspapers began commenting on the increasing immigration. The various immigrant-aid societies, which assisted the newcomers to settle here, were regarded unfavorably. By 1817, the total annual immigration had reached over thirty thousand. About one-half of this number were Irish. The situation was viewed with alarm by the older population.

In 1817, the notion had arisen among the liberal-minded that it was love of governmental forms, love of liberty in the abstract, which incited the mass of colonists to come to America. During this first flare against the immigrants, congress passed a resolution instructing the national executive to furnish that body, periodically, with the names of all governmental employes, with ages, birthplaces, lengths of service. The object of this order, of course, was to discover if foreign-born citizens were usurping federal offices. A storm of protest went up. Certain postmasters actually refused to submit the data, and one government

printer in Ohio openly defied the order by refusing to print the blanks upon which the information was to be given. Subsequently, the government rescinded the requirement, and this early attempt to sift and classify people failed.

During the early thirties, local nativist societies began to form. In 1835, a group calling themselves "The Democratic Association of Native Americans" pledged their support to Harrison in the presidential campaign of that year. In 1836, in the mayoralty elections in New York and New Orleans, political organizations under the name of native American societies had candidates in the field. The following year saw national units arise. In July, 1837, some seven hundred citizens of Washington, D. C., initiated "The Native American Association of the United States." Its platform advocated the repeal of the naturalization law, the exclusion of foreign-born citizens from political offices, the prevention of any European influence in federal affairs, and the fostering of native American sentiment throughout the country. Other associations, with a similar program, were founded elsewhere. As a result of this agitation, the first actual violence occurred. In Boston, in June, 1837, a serious street fight took place between a party of native American firemen and a crowd of Dubliners on the way to a funeral, and the militia had to be called to quell the disturbance. A year or so later, the bank riots occurred in Cincinnati, which grew out of the monetary debacle of the "shin-plaster banks." In Philadelphia, the most violent conflict ensued. In the "city of brotherly love," the streets literally ran with blood from early May, 1844, until late the following summer. The origin of the trouble lay in differences of opinion about the voting privileges of the immigrants and over the question of the Bible in the public schools.

Between the beginning of the Mexican war and the rise of the Know-Nothing party, there was very little political activity among the nativists, but the spirit of

the movement was kept alive by such non-political groups as "The Order of United American Mechanics," "The American Protestant Association," and "The Order of United Americans." These were anti-Catholic and anti-foreigner, yet their concern was more economic and religious than political.

In 1852, the Know-Nothings came into political notice with a platform advocating free schools, the Bible in the schools, and native Americanism. The organization was strictly secret. When any member was questioned as to his possible membership, he declared he knew nothing about the society. Thus the name "Know-Nothing" arose. Any mention of the name of the society or its activities was forbidden. Naturally, this aroused the curiosity and fear of the general population and enhanced the power of the party, just as the masked, clandestine functions of the present Ku Klux Klan often incites terror in the hearts of innocent people.

A letter from Lincoln to his friend, Speed, in 1855, furnishes an incisive comment on the whole movement. Lincoln wrote:

"I am not a Know-Nothing, that is certain. . . . How can anyone who abhors the oppression of negroes be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears, to me, pretty rapid. As a nation, we began by declaring that, 'All men are created equal.' We now practically read it: 'All men are created equal, except negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read: 'All men are created equal, except negroes, and foreigners and Catholics.' When it comes to this, I shall prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty—to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy."

The Know-Nothings and their imitators were lost in the great civil strife which engrossed the country after 1860. It remained for a triumvirate of morons to raise old banners over new cohorts with a new name, and all in the name of "hundred per cent Americanism."

CHAPTER XII

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

A Klansman delights in flaunting the bogus oath of the Knights of Columbus in the face of a Protestant, thereby arousing his enmity and hatred toward his Catholic neighbor—not that the Klansman knows anything about the Catholic church or its history, for he knows absolutely nothing, and that not well. Neither is he concerned in the preservation of Protestantism. He is simply a poll-parrot, helplessly floundering in the hands of his Imperial master, who uses him in the same capacity as a farmer would use a monkey wrench.

The bogus oath of the Knights of Columbus has been proven false a thousand times, and court records are replete with convictions of those who have circulated it. In order to enlighten the minds of readers as to the slanderous and cowardly attacks made upon the Knights of Columbus by scandal-mongers of the Klan, we present the real oath, or pledge, of the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus:

THE REAL OATH OR PLEDGE OF THE FOURTH DEGREE
OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"I swear to support the constitution of the United States. I pledge myself as a Catholic citizen, and Knight of Columbus, to enlighten myself fully upon my duties as a citizen, and to conscientiously perform such duties entirely in the interest of my country, and regardless of all personal consequences. I pledge myself to do all in my power to preserve the integrity and purity of the ballot, and to promote reverence and respect for law and order. I promise to practice my religion openly and consistently, but without ostentation, and to so conduct myself in public affairs, and in the exercise of public virtue as to reflect nothing but credit upon our holy church, to the end that she may flourish and our country prosper to the greater honor and glory of God."

The bogus oath was incorporated in the *Congressional Record* by a Catholic, one Mr. Eugene C. Bonniwell, of Pennsylvania, to show the methods which his enemies had used to defeat him for congress, and, accordingly, a congressional committee was appointed to investigate the whole procedure, and that committee reports as follows:

[We present the committee's report in full, which is worthy of careful consideration.]

"This committee cannot condemn, too strongly, the publication of the false and libelous articles referred to in the paper of Mr. Bonniwell, and which has the spurious oath of the Knights of Columbus, copy of which is appended to the paper."—(Congressional Record, Vol. 49, pt. 4, February 15, 1913.)

The United States congress ought to be good authority, and it declares the oath to be false and libelous.

A body of thirty-second and thirty-third degree Masons were appointed in 1914, in California, to make a thorough investigation of this infamous bogus oath, and they were furnished a complete copy of all the work and ceremonies used by the order of the Knights of Columbus, and they "read, discussed, and carefully examined the same," according to their report, and, "We find," says the report, "that the order of Knights of Columbus, as shown by its rituals, is dedicated to the Catholic religion, charity and patriotism. There is no propaganda purposed or taught against Protestants or Masons, not of Catholic faith. Indeed, Protestants or Masons are not referred to directly or indirectly in the ceremonials and pledges. The ceremonials of the order teaches a high and noble patriotism, instills a love of country, inculcates a reverence for law and order, urges the conscious and unselfish performance of civic duty, and upholds the constitution of our country as the richest and most precious possession of a knight of the order. We find nothing in the entire ceremonials of the order that could be objected to by any person." (Signed by Motley Hewes Flint, Dana Reid Weller, Wm. Rhodes Hervey, and Samuel Burke.)

This infamous bogus oath is the bastard spawn of a fanatical brain, and is peddled mainly by demagogues and fools. Every line of the vile thing bears the impress of fraud, and every word the cunning craftiness of reprobates.

THE CATHOLIC

In the late war, the Catholics of America were aligned against the Catholics of Germany and other foreign powers. Nearly one-third of our soldiers sent overseas and about one-half of our navy were Catholics; and in Flanders field, they stood hungry in mud, rain and ice by the side of Jews, Protestants and non-conformists, and were fed like fodder to smoking cannon and machine guns. There were no doctrines, tenets, creeds or dogmas in the trenches. They constituted one great family—the American family—and presented to the world the finest specimens of youth, the exemplars of gallantry and manhood, the heroes of the world's bloodiest war. Now these same soldiers must bear the stigma of religious hatred, the slime of libel and the mark of persecution invented by religious pirates and political conspirators, who are conscienceless enough to pose as patriots. And it's all for filthy lucre.

Catholics helped frame our national constitution; they signed the declaration of independence, and have contributed their share of men, money and brains to "preserve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Our national constitution knows no religion. It deals with men's civil rights, leaving the matter of religion to the conscience, but at the same time providing ample protection to all men in the free exercise of their religious convictions, and this is what we term "religious liberty." This being true, any man or set of men, who, by word or act, deprives any other man of his constitutional and inherent rights to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, not only violates our most sacred laws, but is, in fact, a traitor to the cause

of freedom and justice, and should be shunned as one would a pestilence.

THE KU KLUX KLAN AND THE JEWS

In spite of the fact that ever since the beginning of the American colonies, in the war of the Revolution and in other national crises, great Jews have helped to make the United States what it is today, the Ku Klux Klan recruits misguided members on the impression that it has found a scheme to drive the Jews out of the country. Anti-Jewish propaganda is used particularly in large cities and in smaller communities where racial and religious flames may be fanned in order to win members and money for the Ku Klux Klan.

All the official Ku Klux papers teem with anti-Jewish literature, and secret documents and stories are passed around privately among the organizers in order to gain recruits.

The Klan never lets an opportunity go by to ridicule the Jews and stir up prejudice.

We agree with C. W. Witcher, who writes the following in his valuable booklet, *The Reign of Terror in Oklahoma*:

A FEW HIGH LIGHTS FROM THE HISTORY OF THE JEW

The Jewish nation, taken in its entirety, is the marvel of the world. The Jew was the keeper of the first oracles of God—the custodian of the ark of the covenant. There is no phase of human life but what he has experienced—luxury, comfort, wealth, pride, power, suffering, slavery, poverty, weakness, disgrace, and death. These noble sons of Abraham were once slaves in Egypt, and later kings and priests of Palestine. From carriers of mud and straw, they rose to kings and priests and rulers of the world's wonderland! In the face of these stubborn facts of all history, who would dare persecute them now!

In the day when the imprint of the sculptor's hand was fresh on the face of the Sphinx, the Jews were making history, and writing prose and poetry. The very stones beneath the sands of the Nile attest the high civilization which they attained, and it occurs to us that any nation and people whose history is almost lost in the antiquities of the past, and who have emerged from the crimsoned atmosphere of a thousand revolutions, with the same character, same blood and religion, ought to be entitled to the most profound respect of the world. That divine prophecy, "I will bless them that bless thee, and persecute them that persecute thee," is as true today as when uttered nearly four thousand years ago. What has become of the oppressors in the old nations which trampled upon the Jew? In Spain, Austria, Poland, Germany, and Russia? Yes, Russia! A few years ago the very soil of this mighty nation was saturated with the blood of the Jews. Their fair daughters were ravished, and they were slain like mice. The great educational institutions at Moscow were not open to the daughters of David! Jewish girls could enter the city only for the purpose of practicing prostitution, and many of these noble young women, in order to avail themselves of an education, procured permits, ostensibly for immoral purposes, but, in fact, to enter school and acquire an education. Think of such monstrous outrages! Like Atlas, the Jew was staggering beneath the weight of the world. But where are the oppressors today?

At the time when our ancestors were slowly emerging from savagery into the gray dawn of civilization, King Solomon was coining silver, the Jews were worshipping the one God, framing laws, and moulding sentiments into human history, which unto this day form the warp and woof of civilization.

Who was it that put through the Suez canal, which united three great continents? It was Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield) who, spurning the critics of England, pursued the even tenor of his way, and demonstrated

that he had a greater vision than all his contemporaries.

And then came Lord Reading, viceroy to India, and considered by the English government to be the only man in all England who was capable of handling the situation there.

But not alone in diplomatic circles do we find the Jew shining. The literary world has been made luminous by his wisdom, and it is glad to doff its hat to that greatest living literary critic, Anri Burgson.

Whence do we derive our modern philosophy? Was it not Spinoza, who, after rambling through the maze of intellectual doubt and uncertainty, traced the rivulets of thought to the fountain of knowledge, which has shed its wondrous floods of light upon the philosophical world? Meanwhile, Herschell, soaring among the stars and floating on the milky way, returned to startle the world with his astronomical discoveries. And Memonides—over seven hundred years after his death, the Spanish Christians are now erecting a monument to his memory.

Leaving the field of science, we find the sweet music of Mendelssohn and Rubenstein still echoing above the coarse murmurs of racial hatred and persecution, to charm and thrill the lovers of prose and song.

Charles P. Steinmetz, the great electrical wizard, came to our shores a poor immigrant boy, and worked all his life for the benefit of humanity.

The theory of relativity owes its origin to Albert Einstein, just as the stage was quickened by the genius of Raschel, Bernhardt, and Mansfield. Even in the fields of medicine, the world would have been lost without that famous prescription of Dr. Ehrlich—"606."

The world will never forget Henry Dix, of New Jersey, who lately turned over his entire factory to his workers, and on the board of trustees are sitting four Gentiles and two Jews. How is that for Americanism?

Do you remember Juda Tuoro, the philanthropist, who did not discriminate between Jewish and Gentile institutions in making his great endowments? Even

the black man came in for his share, and received funds to build a church in Newport, Rhode Island.

Was not the American revolution financed by Hyman Solomon, a Jew? To be sure, and in every epoch, every bloody battle, every struggle for liberty and freedom, we find the Jew in the front rank.

The soil of Flanders' field has been enriched by his decaying body.

He has shared the sorrows of the world, and his heart has been a veritable refuge of sighs, but he neither complains of his oppressors nor boasts of his goodness.

Those who are not acquainted with the history of the Jews lack much of possessing a modern education. The dawn of civilization was rocked in a Jewish cradle and, amid the thunders of Mount Sinai, the constitution of the human race was handed to Moses.

When the morning stars sang together for glory the spirit of the Jew was living and his monotheistic ideas, culled from the Bible in the hazy dawn of human existence, has socially and spiritually affected the entire human race, and, as a reward for his suffering and a compliment to his genius, he should be given the highest position in the hall of fame.

THE IMPERIAL WIZARD TO THE SECOND KLONVOKATION, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

"The Ku Klux Klan is too big, too loyal, too consecrated, to be very badly hurt by the treason, blunders, or weaknesses of a few leaders—much less by attacks from its alien foes. The Klan may suffer, it may lose a skirmish here and there, and it may falter in its stride at times; but, as sure as our cause is just and our hearts are loyal, it will march on to final victory.

"We have come through troubles which would have daunted the strongest and bravest of us, had we seen them all before hand. We have achieved things that would have thrilled our souls, had we seen them in advance. We have a right to rejoice as we glance back upon our achievements and the thrills through which we have come. I, therefore, wish to lay before you a record of the two years' achievement.

"To understand the full value of this record, let your minds go back to the last Klonvokation and behold the situation as it was then. At that time the Klan was poor, weak, unorganized, disunited, despised, and confused in purpose. From that point of view, measure the road along which we have come.

"We have entered, and are constructively at work in four new fields, all vitally important. Two of these relate directly to the Klan itself, one being an addition to our ritualistic life, the other representing a practical and essential service to the Klan insurance project (The Empire Insurance Company). There have been established, also, with our blessing and assistance, a boys' department, and the Women of the Ku Klux Klan.

THE JUNIOR KU KLUX KLAN

"The boys of our movement are being organized and trained to utilize their manhood for the realization of Klan ideals. The Junior Klan has been launched successfully, under the sponsorship and direction of the Senior order.

"This Junior movement was first considered by the Kloncilium on August 20, 1923. At the meeting of January 2, 1924, it had progressed to the point of a tentative constitution and by-laws. By February 1, a ritual had been adopted.

"On March 29, of this year, the Junior Ku Klux Klan was created a department, with offices at Atlanta, under the general supervision of the Imperial Kligrapp.

"The resolution creating the Junior Klan stated:

"Whereas, the particular objects of said bureau or depart-

ment shall be to function under the direction of the officers of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in conformity with such rules and regulations as shall be promulgated by the Kloneilium, and to aid and assist in promoting and fostering the precepts and principles of the said Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in accordance with the methods and policies of said corporation, and, further, to promote the welfare, physical, mental, and moral development of boys between the ages of twelve and eighteen years, inclusive.

"This boys' order is progressing. There was an initial loan of \$10,000.00 from the Imperial Treasury; but, since the first of April, they have been able to meet their own expenses, reduce indebtedness, and add 40 per cent to the membership—a most satisfactory and promising condition.

"The object was, and is, to develop our youth into Klansmanship, a process equally beneficial to them and to us. Juniors today will be Seniors tomorrow.

REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL KLIGRAPP

To the Second Imperial Klonevocation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan:

It has been twenty-two months since your body received a report from the Imperial Kligrapp's department. Many changes have occurred in our organization in those twenty-two months. Its growth has been nothing short of miraculous, and this department has endeavored, to the best of its ability, to keep up with that growth.

The Imperial Kligrapp department's work is composed principally of a vast amount of details, such as:

- Issuing all charters.

- Keeping up with correct addresses of officials of Realms, Provinces and local Klans.

- The proper mailing and distribution of all literature, official documents, and circular letters.

- The maintaining and keeping up-to-date of a mailing list for educational purposes.

- The handling of all supply orders.

- The handling of all robe orders.

- The handling of all quarterly reports of chartered Klans.

- The certifying of men entitled to take K-DUO.

- The issuance of certificates to men who have taken K-DUO.

- The keeping of a correct list of men who have received K-DUO.

- The issuance of all commissions for Realm and Province officers, and Giants' commissions.

There have been issued up to and including September 8, 1924, twenty-nine hundred and eighty-two (2,892) charters for local Klans, which have practically all been delivered. This is an increase in chartered Klans since the last report of this department of 104 per cent. The membership in these chartered organizations has increased since the last report, 409 per cent.

When this department made its last report to you, 31.5 per cent of the membership in chartered Klans was in the Realm of Texas, and 18.2 per cent in the Realm of Oklahoma, making in these two southwestern states alone, 49.7 per cent. of the whole membership; taking at that time the southwestern states as a whole—that is, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Arkansas, and Oklahoma—it comprised 61 per cent of the membership.

The southern states, that is, Mississippi to Virginia, and including Kentucky and West Virginia, comprise 22.2 per cent.

The north central states, that is, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio (Wisconsin and Michigan not having any), comprise 6.4%.

The west, that is, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Washington and Oregon (Idaho, Nevada and California having no membership in chartered Klans), comprise 5.1%.

The middle west, that is, Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas (South Dakota having none), comprise 5%.

The only north Atlantic states having any chartered Klan membership were Delaware and Maryland, comprising .3 of 1%.

In New England there were no members in chartered Klans.

If West Virginia were counted with Delaware and Maryland, as a northern state, these three states together would have had but 1.8% of the membership.

There were no members in the populous states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, and none in the six New England states.

It may be noted that two-thirds of the membership in the west was in the one state of Oregon; and one-half of the membership in the middle west was in the one state of Missouri. It is our desire now, to show you a picture of the distribution of the membership at this time.

The north central states comprise 40.2%.

The southwestern states comprise 25.6%.

The southern states (including West Virginia) comprise 16.1%.

The middle west states comprise 8.3%.

The western states comprise 6.1%.

The north Atlantic states comprise 3.7%.

It is the desire to impress upon you again that these figures are only dealing with chartered Klan membership. If we were to take into consideration the membership in the Pro-

visional Klans, the trend away from the south would be still more marked.

REALM ORGANIZATIONS

When the last report was made to you, there were ten states which had been organized into Realms, in the order named, as follows:

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| (1) Texas. | (6) Georgia. |
| (2) Oklahoma. | (7) Oregon. |
| (3) Arkansas. | (8) Alabama. |
| (4) Louisiana. | (9) North Carolina. |
| (5) Mississippi. | (10) South Carolina. |

We now have twenty-two Realm organizations, the following having been established since the first Imperial Klonvokation, in the order named:

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| (11) Arizona. | (17) Washington. |
| (12) Illinois. | (18) Montana. |
| (13) Wyoming. | (19) Florida. |
| (14) Colorado. | (20) Maryland. |
| (15) Indiana. | (21) Kansas. |
| (16) West Virginia. | (22) Ohio. |

The Imperial Klazik's report will give you any other information, relative to these Realm organizations, that you care to have.

SUPPLIES

This department handles an average of about five thousand supply orders annually. When you realize that the Grand Dragons carry in each Realm a consignment account of supplies and fill the orders for their particular Klans from the Grand Dragon's stock, you will have some conception of the enormous amount of supplies that are furnished the individual Klans. All of these supplies have been reduced very materially in price since your last Klonvokation, owing to the fact that most of them are manufactured in our own plant. Some reductions have been as great as 400 per cent, while the average has been about 150 per cent.

ROBES AND HELMETS

Our department is receiving, checking and correcting, and forwarding to the factory, an average of five thousand robe orders per week, for which we receive \$3.50 net per robe, which is 18 cents less than we were paying for robes when the last report was made. However, at \$3.50, they are netting a nice profit, which goes into your National treasury, the aggregate of which you will get from the report of the finance committee.

K-DUO

On February 12, our Imperial Wizard issued a proclamation that established the K-Duo and its method of promulgation. This has placed a very large amount of detail work on this department. We have, up to the present time, issued identification cards upon certificates, from local organizations, to the number of 154,035. The Degree team has conferred the degree on approximately 75,000 candidates. You will notice from this that there is a vast difference between the number of identification cards issued and the number that received the degree. This is caused, in a small way, by the Degree team not having reached Klans that were certified, but the vast majority of the difference is caused by the failure of the candidates to present themselves. Klansman Edwin DeBarr has written a report on the activities of this K-Duo Degree team, which will be read to you.

JUNIOR KU KLUX KLAN

In the early part of the year 1924, the Imperial Klouncilium recognized the Junior Ku Klux Klan, which was chartered in the states of Indiana and Ohio. Nothing was done toward assisting this organization at that time, however, except to advance them about \$10,000.00. Their office was moved to Washington, but no proclamation was issued and no assistance rendered them until about April 1, when the Klouncilium met in Kansas City, on March 29, ordering an official proclamation to issue, setting them up as a department of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and moving their office to Atlanta, where they were placed under the direct supervision of this department. Their charters were surrendered in Ohio and Indiana, and from that time on they have been operating on practically a self-sustaining basis. Klansman Paul A. Pooch, the National Director, will make you a report in detail.

MAILING DEPARTMENT

This department is equipped with all of the latest electrically driven machinery for handling its business. Under the direction of our Imperial Wizard, this department has been preparing, and is still preparing, mailing lists for the purpose of education. At the time the Immigration bill was before the National Congress, this list aggregated approximately a quarter of a million names and was used very effectively in creating public sentiment in favor of that bill. At present, this list aggregates one million names and, before it is completed, will run to a million and a half. These names are made on stencils, which can be put in the rapid addressograph machine and envelopes addressed very quickly for the purpose of mailing out literature. These names are kept in steel cabinets in the vault.

This is a permanent list and can be used from time to time for disseminating our principles. We want you to understand, however, that this list is not a list of Klansmen; but of bankers, doctors, preachers, state, city and county officials, and outstanding citizens of this country.

CO-OPERATION

It is impossible to close this report without taking the opportunity for the head of the department to express his appreciation for the active and close co-operation of all of the department heads, the Grand Dragons and Imperial Representatives throughout the nation. This has been everything that could be desired, and without it we would have been unable to accomplish anything. The employees of this department have rendered most faithful and efficient service at all times, and deserve the commendation and praise of your body.

CONCLUSION

In concluding, permit your Imperial Kligrapp to express his great appreciation to the organization as a whole, and to the Imperial Wizard in particular, for the great honor that has been bestowed upon him and the confidence that has been reposed in him, and to assure you and the Imperial Wizard that it has been his ardent desire to render faithful and efficient service to the best of his ability.

Trusting that these humble efforts may meet with some small portion of appreciation at the hands of this Imperial Body, and from His Lordship, I beg to remain,

Faithfully yours in the Sacred Unfailing Bond,

H. K. RAMSEY,
Imperial Kligrapp.

REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL KLAZIK

Imperial Klaliff and Members of the Imperial Klonvocation:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you this, the second report of the activities of the Department of Realms, which was inaugurated January 1, 1922, and over which I have presided as Imperial Klazik since December 1, 1922. Permit me to state that, as the executive head of this department, I have kept within the constitutional determinations of the department and of my office. I have sought to co-operate in every possible way with the other departments of our organization, in order to stimulate co-ordination and promote efficiency in the operations of the whole movement. The constitution defines the functions of the Imperial Klazik in the following statement: "He shall be the executive head of the Department of Realms;" and prescribes his

further duties in the following terms: "And (he) shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Imperial Wizard." This report will deal with these functions and duties, mindful of the fact that it is a difficult task to cover all of the many details handled by my office during the period covered by this report.

You are aware of the fact that as the Department of Extension concludes the task of mobilization and preliminary training within the various states, the responsibility is then passed to the Department of Realms, for the setting up, development, and functioning of such states, as organized Realms, to efficiently carry on the work of Klankraft. In other words, the work of this department and the activities of this department are confined to the formation and setting in motion of the machinery necessary to proper Klan functioning in the states which have been organized into Realms. In the performance of this task, numerous inescapable organization problems have had to be solved. Intensive preliminary and final surveys had to be made. It was necessary to exercise great care in the recommendation of Klansmen for the office of Grand Dragon in the various Realms, and in the approval of other Klansmen to serve in the capacity of Province officers. All of these Realm officers had to be instructed, systems had to be installed, and methods of operation had to be set in motion and close attention and supervision had to be given to these newly organized Realms during the first days of their existence. We have also had the responsibility of revisiting some of the Realms and making necessary changes in official personnel. Twenty-two Realms have been set up and are functioning actively within the nation today. Twelve of these Realms have been created since my installation in office, but your Imperial Klazik has had the pleasure of being present at the installation of all of these Realms, beginning with Texas in February, 1922, through to the establishment of the Realm of Ohio on September 14, 1924.

The Department of Realms has been established and is being developed to serve in promoting the intelligent functioning of the Klans through the mechanism of organized Realms along all constitutional lines. The facts will show that this department has rendered effective service, both to the Klansmen and to the national organization, in the development of Klankraft within the organized Realms, through the machinery directed by the Grand Dragons of these respective Realms. For example, a marked increase of membership is shown by the reports, and the number of Klans in good standing, which is an indication of the efficiency of the operations of both the Realm and Klanton machinery in serving the Klansmen within these Realms. We have increased from 36 per cent, August 1, 1923, to 93 per cent, September 19, 1924. I would be untrue to these

Klansmen who are rendering such valiant service, if I did not most heartily commend their consecrated efforts and tireless activities in serving so faithfully and efficiently the Klansmen, and in promoting the cause of Klankraft, within their respective jurisdictions.

The assured co-operation of your Imperial headquarters with the local Klan bodies through the functioning machinery of the organized Realms, justifies the earnest expectation that in another year the records will show the development of more perfect co-operation and co-ordination toward the creation of a real Klan mind, so necessary to the realization of our ideals, the promulgation of our principles and the triumphant achievement of our mission. The Department of Realms, under the leadership of your Imperial Klazik, holds itself in readiness to execute and set in motion, through the machinery of the organized Realms, such activities as may be committed to us. This department is vitally interested in its present stage of development in the creation of plans and methods for the perfection of effective co-ordination and assimilation of the art of Klankraft, in order to render to the individual Klansmen of our movement, a complete comprehension and thorough understanding of our functions within constitutionally defined lines.

Your Imperial Klazik, in placing the affairs of the Klans in the organized Realms in the hands of their own officers, is not unmindful of our further responsibility and of the necessity for efficiency and continued economy in the operation of the machinery of Klankraft on the part of our officers. The following states have received their Realm organization in the indicated order:

Alabama, September, 1922; Arkansas, April, 1922; Georgia, July, 1922; Louisiana, May, 1922; Mississippi, July, 1922; North Carolina, September, 1922; Oklahoma, March, 1922; Oregon, September, 1922; South Carolina, November, 1922; Texas, February, 1922; Arizona, July, 1922; Colorado, May, 1923; Florida, November, 1923; Illinois, June, 1923; Indiana, July, 1923; Maryland, October, 1923; Montana, September, 1923; Washington, September, 1923; West Virginia, May, 1923; Wyoming, February, 1923; Kansas, July, 1924; Ohio, September, 1924.

In addition to my work in the other states, I have been especially engaged for the past nine months, under the direction of the Imperial Wizard, in solving problems, co-ordinating activities, and otherwise preparing the way for the proper setting up of Realm machinery within the state of Ohio. The work of my department in the state of Ohio has just been brought to a conclusion in time to introduce this last organized Realm into the Imperial Klankraft.

In concluding this report, permit me to submit that it has been my endeavor to make this report as short and concise as

is practical. I have received and wish to acknowledge, with profound gratitude, the warm support and co-operation of every department head of the Imperial Headquarters, every Imperial officer, Grand Dragon, Great Titan, Klan officer and Klansman. I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to each and every employee in my department for their hearty co-operation and support.

It is my earnest trust that this is but the precursor of greater fruitage to be garnered through the further development and unfoldment of Klancraft by the effort of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

BROWN HARWOOD,
Imperial Klazik.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LECTURE BUREAU
MARCH 20, 1924, TO AUGUST 23, 1924

To His Lordship Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard:

I beg to submit, herewith, report covering the activities of the National Lecture Bureau, from the date of its organization as a department, March 20, 1924, to August 23, 1924, a period of five months.

The bureau was organized with fourteen lecturers and three advance men, and at the present time has fifteen lecturers and two advance men. The work of this bureau is divided into three phases, as follows:

Invitational Meeting Drives; Educational Work; Special Assignments.

INVITATIONAL MEETING DRIVES

Detailed statements are attached hereto and made a part of this report, showing the results in the Realms and states visited. There has been an average of eleven lecturers and two advance men on this phase of the work, and we have covered eight organized and ten unorganized Realms, conducting 761 meetings. The lecturers have spoken to 55,501 alien prospects, with the result that 29,968 have signed applications, and 14,631 have paid the full Klectokon at the time of the meetings. It is reasonable to suppose that a large proportion of those who signed the applications at the meetings, but did not pay the Klectokons, eventually came into the organization. Still, figuring on the basis of those who actually paid at the time of the lectures, the invitational meeting work of this bureau shows a net revenue over direct field expense, during the five months, of \$14,347.74.

All of the results accomplished by this work of the lecturers

cannot be reduced to figures and shown on a statement, yet should be set forth. While the lecturers have their own individual forms of appeal, their addresses are all built entirely on the constructive ideals of the organization, not a negative one. As a result, there has been brought about a standardization of the plans upon which the principles of the organization are being presented to the country, and a more uniform understanding of its plans and purposes.

Using one Realm as an illustration of the results accomplished, we found that before the invitational meetings, the membership of that Realm showed only a 4 per cent propagation, based upon the 1920 census of white, male, native-born, over twenty years of age, whereas the number signed and paid in full during these meetings brought the membership to 5 per cent propagation, based on the same census figures. We also conducted meetings in six towns in this Realm, where the Klans were inactive, and as a result, these organizations were placed on a working basis, bringing 563 old members back into activity and good standing.

This bureau feels that the results accomplished have been so successful because of the splendid co-operation of the Grand Dragons and Imperial Representatives of the various Realms.

EDUCATIONAL AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

The lecturers, on special assignments, have addressed the following number of persons:

Public Addresses	160,384
Inside Klan Addresses.....	37,380
W. O. K. K. K. Addresses.....	13,455
Mixed Men and Women Addresses.....	9,800

The results accomplished by the educational work and special assignments cannot be shown in figures, but some of the things that have been done by this work may be pointed out.

The lecturers come from various states, and have lectured in different sections of the country, thereby gaining first hand knowledge of the people and conditions. With this knowledge, they are able to carry a common message from the people of the north to the people of the south, and from the people of the east to the people of the west, etc., thereby doing a great deal to eliminate sectional lines and sectional feelings.

Practically all of our lecturers are ministers of the gospel from various Protestant denominations. In their work, they come in contact with leaders and members of their own and of other denominations, and in this way they are developing a common spirit and understanding, which is proving to be of great value in the work of bringing the Protestant denominations of the nation into closer unity and co-operation.

We feel that the work of the lecturers has materially aided in the proper dissemination of Klankraft throughout the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. HILL, Director National Lecture Bureau.

REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

The first National Klankvation held in Atlanta, in the fall of 1922, authorized the establishment of industrial plants for the manufacture of regalia and for the printing of the organization. In May, 1923, the National Executive Committee named a Committee of Department Heads, at Atlanta, to go into the matter of industrial plants.

After careful investigation and consideration, report was submitted to the executive committee, and the recommendations were approved and negotiations started, resulting in establishment of the plants at Buckhead, about three-fourths of a mile from the Imperial Palace. At the beginning, both the robe and printing plants were housed in a one-story metal building, 50 by 150 feet, and actual operations commenced August 16, 1923. It was soon found that the original building was entirely too small for the needs of the industrial plants and preparations were begun for enlargement. At the present time, the industrial plants consist of a modern three-story brick building, 50 by 150 feet in size, housing the robe plant, shipping department and stock rooms, and the printing plant now occupies the entire building which formerly housed all industrial activities. The following figures will give some idea of the growth of the industrial plants and the amount of business being done.

The first week of operation of the robe plant, 1,144 robes were shipped; the fifth week, 2,942 robes were shipped; the twelfth week, 4,573 robes were shipped, and from the twentieth week up to the present time, the average shipping has been six thousand robes per week.

For the first year's operation, the robe plant shipped 211,410 robes. We have in stock 20,000 complete Klansmen's robes, in 24 different sizes, ready for immediate shipment, and all orders for plain robes are shipped the same date orders are received at the plant. This, of course, does not apply to special robes requiring special cutting and hand work.

We also have in our plant local offices of both Southeastern and American Railway Express Companies, employing four men regularly, which handles no business other than that of our industrial plants. In passing, we might state that the general agents of these express companies have made the remark that the offices in our building pay better dividends than any office they have in towns of 15,000 or less. Our express averages from six to eight tons of express per day.

The printing department is doing all of the printing for the national organization, such as stationery, forms, etc., as well as the *Imperial Night-Hawk*.

The industrial plants employ approximately one hundred and twenty people regularly, all of whom are either members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or the Women of the Ku Klux Klan.

All work in the robe plant is on piece basis and the lady operators average from fifteen to forty dollars per week in wages.

Our manufacturing capacity in robes is approximately 1,800 robes per day.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. McKINNON, Manager of Plants.

BENEFITS OFFERED TO KLAN MEMBERS

From the *New York Nation*

The Ku Klux Klan, it is often asserted, is a money-making organization, which gets a great deal out of its members. But it gives them a good deal, too—more, perhaps, than its officers would care to admit publicly. It would hardly do, for instance, to say officially that in certain regions it controls the courts and can give its members the benefits of an all-Klan judicial service. Some of the plain members can blurt out unofficially, however, advantages that cannot be expressed too formally. A Jewish merchant in New York City recently sent some goods to a dealer in Fort Worth, Texas. For some reason the goods were not acceptable and were returned. The New York man's lawyer threatened to sue, whereupon the attorney of the Texas dealer countered with a letter, in which he said:

"We shall welcome a suit as our jurors are usually made up of brothers of the Klan, and I am sure a Kike Jew wouldn't stand much show before a jury. I myself do not try cases in the justice court, confining myself alone to the court of appeals, supreme court, and federal court, but I would turn the matter over to some active young Klansman for his attention, and when he has finished I am sure your Kike client will have a few dollars in costs to pay."

Decidedly, the Klan offers its members substantial benefits.

“THE VOICE OF JACOB AND THE ARMS OF ESAU”

ARTICLE I

Declaration by WM. JOSEPH SIMMONS

WE SOLEMNLY DECLARE TO ALL MANKIND, that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, incorporated, is the original Ku Klux Klan organized in the year 1866, and active during the reconstruction period of American history; and by and under its corporate name is revived, remodeled and expanded into a ritualistic, fraternal, patriotic society of national scope, duly incorporated (under the laws of the state of Georgia) in the years 1915 and 1916, and dedicated to the same principles and spiritual purposes as more particularly set forth in Article II, of the Constitution and Laws of the society.

WE DO FURTHER DECLARE TO THE WORLD, that our original prescript used as the governing law of the Ku Klux Klan, during the period of its former activities, and all official titles, mannerisms, usages and things therein prescribed, have not been abandoned by us; but on the contrary, all of these, together with designs of paraphernalia, regalia, flags, banners, emblems, symbols, or other insignia and things prescribed or previously used by or under the authority of the Ku Klux Klan under and by virtue of its corporate name of Knights of th Ku Klux Klan, and are held sacred by us as a precious heritage, which we shall jealously preserve, forever maintain and valiantly protect from profanation.

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ARTICLE II

APPELLATION AND GOVERNMENT

Section 1. To the name of this society, Ku Klux Klan, has been prefixed the words “Knights of the,” and, therefore, forever hereafter it shall be known as “*Knights of the Ku Klux Klan*,” and is hereinafter referred to as “this order.” It is, and shall continue to be, a patriotic, *military*, benevolent, ritualistic, social and fraternal order or society.

Section 2. The government of this order shall ever be *military* in character, especially in its executive management and

control and no legislative enactment or constitutional amendment hereafter shall encroach upon, affect or change this fundamental principle of the Invisible Empire.

Section 3. The government of this order shall be vested primarily in the Imperial Wizard, as commander-in-chief, who shall be supreme within the restrictions of this Constitution, and as otherwise provided, and whose decisions, decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions, shall be of full authority and unquestionably recognized and respected by each and every citizen of the Invisible Empire.

THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

ARTICLE III

Section 1. THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE: The phrase "Invisible Empire" in a material sense denotes the universal geographical jurisdiction of this order, and it shall embrace the whole world. The convention of the Invisible Empire shall be known as the Imperial Klonvocation. The phrase "Invisible Empire," in a spiritual sense, applies to all the secret work and workings and things of this order, and to all that has been, to all that now is, and to all that is to be, the past, the present and the future, yesterday, today and forever; the dead of yesterday, the living of today and the contemplated of tomorrow, of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

Section 2. In a material sense, the territorial division of the Invisible Empire into a subordinate jurisdiction shall be known as a "Realm," and same shall embrace a state or states, or a territorial possession of the United States of America, and shall derive its designation from that state or territory which it embraces, and its number shall be given it in order of its formation. The convention of a Realm shall be known as the "Klorero."

Section 3. A territorial division of a Realm shall be known as a "Province," and shall embrace a county or a number of counties of a state. Provinces shall be designated by numbers. The convention of a Province shall be known as the "Klonverse."

Section 4. A "Klan" is the unit of this order; it is the local or subordinate body, lodge, or organization, and its territorial jurisdiction shall be known as the "Klanton," which shall extend in all directions to a distance midway between the Klan and the nearest Klan thereto, except as otherwise designated by the Imperial Wizard or Grand Dragon of a Realm. The boundaries of a Klanton shall be fixed, so far as is possible, on the delivery of the Klan charter. A convention or an assembly of a Klan in secret session shall be known as the "Klonklave."

Section 5. All things and matters which do not exist within this order, or are not authorized by or do not come under its jurisdiction, shall be designated as the "Alien World." All persons who are not members of this order shall be designated as "Aliens."

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Applications for membership in this order must be on a regular charter petition by charter applicants of a Klan, and on a regular application blank after a Klan has been chartered. The applicant must state whether he ever has applied for membership in this order, and such application made to a chartered Klan must be endorsed by at least two Klansmen, or by a Kleagle, or by the Imperial Wizard of this order.

Section 2. The "Klectokon" (initiation fee) is given by an applicant and accepted by this order as a donation to its propagation and general fund and not in the sense of purchasing membership in this order by the applicant, and this donation must accompany each application for citizenship. The Klectokon is a sum of money of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars, nor more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Section 3. All men who served as members of the original Ku Klux Klan, or rendered distinct service thereto, or who were so connected with similar organizations during the reconstruction period of American history, shall be admitted to full fellowship in this order without payment of Klectokon or dues; provided, however, they individually qualify for membership under the requirement of Section 1 of this Article.

Section 4. An applicant's qualifications must be known before he is accepted for membership in this order. Great care must be exercised on the part of a Kleagle or a Klan in ascertaining an applicant's qualifications.

EMPEROR OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE HIS DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES "LIKE THE TZARS OF OLD"

ARTICLE V

Section 1. The Emperor of the Invisible Empire shall have entire charge of Kloranic, Ritualistic and Philosophic work of this order, and he shall be an ex-officio member of all Imperial, Grand, Great and Klan bodies. *His term of office shall be for life.*

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in his office, his suc-

cessor shall be called and installed by the Grand Dragons of the various Realms, in the same manner as set forth in Article IX of this Constitution.

Section 3. He shall create, and cause to be promulgated, all countersigns, pass-words, ritualistic, or Kloranic work and secrets and signs, symbols and work of this order. He shall design, or cause to be designed, all paraphernalia, regalia, uniforms, costumes, emblems, insignia, flags, banners, and jewelry for individual wear, honorary and official jewels, books, pamphlets, and literature of this order. All costumes, designs, symbols or other insignia officially adopted by this order, whether created by him or not, shall be recognized as official, and shall be received by the members of this order.

Section 4. He shall have the sole power to create all titles and honors within this order and confer them on whomsoever he may elect, and shall issue and sign all certificates or diplomas relative thereto, and cause to be affixed thereon the great Imperial Seal of the order.

THE IMPERIAL KLONVOKATION

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Imperial Klonvokation shall be the sole legislative body of this order; therefore, it shall have original jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to creating and amending this Constitution and Laws, the regulation, government, and general welfare of this order. It shall have power to enact laws for the regulation of its own procedure, for the government of the Invisible Empire, Realms, Provinces, and Klans, and for the general control and management of the business of this order, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof. It shall have power to prescribe the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of the Realms, Provinces, and Klans, and of all officers and members of this order; and, finally, to determine the same. The Imperial Klonvokation shall meet bi-ennially, in the month of September, on a day and at a place to be fixed by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 2. The Imperial Klonvokation shall be composed of all Imperial officers, the Grand Dragons, and an elected delegate (Klepeer) from each organized Realm; the Great Titan, and an elected delegate (Klepeer) from each Province. (Exalted Cyclops from Klans that are in good standing by reason of having paid all Imperial, Realm, and Province taxes, shall be entitled to one vote each therein, which cannot be delegated, and which shall be deducted from the total vote of their

Realm.) Each organized Realm (state) represented in the Klonvokation shall be entitled to one vote for each one hundred or majority fraction thereof of Klansmen in good standing in that Realm at the end of the calendar quarter next preceding the meeting of the Imperial Klonvokation, as shown by the records of the Imperial Palace. The total vote of each Realm, after deducting the vote of the Exalted Cyclops present thus determined, shall be equally divided among the representatives present at the Klonvokation. States not organized into Realms shall be entitled to one representative for each state, who shall be elected by the chartered Klans thereof, and shall have same voting power as in Realms. Provided, however, that in no event shall the conditions of this section operate to increase the basis of representation for a state or Realm, as hereinafter provided in this section of Article VI, of the Constitution and Laws. Courtesy cards may be issued entitling the holders of same to a seat outside the boundaries of the regular Klepeers' seats, the holders of the courtesy privilege, however, having no voting privilege, and must be members in good standing, in Klans in good standing in the Imperial, Realm, and Province funds.

Section 3. The active officers of the Imperial Klonvokation, in convention assembled, shall be a president and a secretary. The Imperial Klaliff shall be its president, and the Imperial Kligrapp shall be its secretary and recording officer. Other Imperial officers may act as chairmen of committees, or constitute committees. All acts of the Klonvokation shall become effective within one hour after their passage, unless vetoed by the Imperial Wizard within that time, in which event the Klonvokation may pass the act over the veto of the Imperial Wizard by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the said Klonvokation.

THE IMPERIAL KLONCILIUM

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The Imperial Klonsilium shall be the supreme advisory board of this order, and shall be composed of all the Imperial officers named in Article VIII.

Section 2. The Imperial Klonsilium shall be the supreme tribunal of justice of this order, and shall have full appellate jurisdiction to hear and finally determine all appeals of whatever nature presented to it affecting the relationship and constitutional rights and privileges of Realms and Provinces, and Klans and members of this order in unorganized states.

Section 3. It shall have full power and authority, acting in the presence of the Imperial Wizard or his authorized repre-

sentative, to act in the interim between sessions of the Imperial Klönvokation.

Section 4. It shall meet in regular session in the month of July, each year, on call of the Imperial Wizard, but special sessions may be held at any other time, on call of the Imperial Wizard when same is deemed necessary by him, or when he is requested in writing to do so by five members thereof.

Section 5. Nine members present, in person or by proxy, of the Imperial Klönclilium, including the Imperial Wizard, or his authorized representative, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all matters coming before it, except otherwise provided herein.

Section 6. Decisions of the Imperial Klönclilium on all matters of a judiciary nature coming before it for adjudication shall be final when same are ratified by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 7. Between the meetings of the Imperial Klönclilium, whenever, in the judgment of the Imperial Wizard, it shall become necessary for it to consider any matter or thing whatsoever, he may submit the matter to the members of the Imperial Klönclilium in writing by mail or otherwise, and their votes thereon shall be cast in writing by mail or otherwise within a time limit to be fixed by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 8. The Imperial Kligrapp shall be the secretary and recording officer of the Imperial Klönclilium.

IMPERIAL OFFICERS

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. Hereafter the Imperial officers of this order shall be sixteen in number, and their official titles shall be as follows:

The Imperial Wizard (Supreme Chief Executive).
 Imperial Klaiff (Supreme First Vice-president).
 Imperial Klazik (Supreme Second Vice-President).
 Imperial Klokard (Supreme Lecturer).
 Imperial Kludd (Supreme Chaplain).
 Imperial Kligrapp (Supreme Secretary).
 Imperial Klabee (Supreme Treasurer).
 Imperial Kladd (Supreme Conductor).
 Imperial Klarogo (Supreme Inner-Guard).
 Imperial Klexter (Supreme Outer-Guard).
 Imperial Klonsel (Supreme Attorney).
 Imperial Night-Hawk (Supreme Courier).

And four Imperial Klokann (constituting a Board of Auditors and Supreme Advisors).

These shall be known as the Imperial Wizard and his fifteen GENII.—[Exercising a despotic power that no crowned tyrant ever wielded.—EDITOR.]

IMPERIAL WIZARD

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. The Imperial Wizard is the supreme chief executive of this order. He shall be elected by the Grand Dragons. To elect the Imperial Wizard, the Grand Dragons shall meet in executive session upon the call of the Imperial Kligrapp. Each Grand Dragon shall cast, as his vote, the number of votes representing his Realm, in the Klonvokation, as shown by the records of the Imperial Palace on the first day of the quarter on which election is held; this vote to be ascertained in the same manner as set forth in Section V, Article 6. If no result is determined after three ballots, all names must be dropped except the three receiving the highest number of votes; if no result is determined at the end of three more ballots, all names must be dropped except the two receiving the highest number of votes. No nomination shall be made. No motions, except a motion to recess, shall be entertained during said election. No adjournment shall be taken until after the completion of the election. Any Klansman in good standing in any Klan in good standing, as determined by the records of the Imperial Palace, is eligible to be chosen Imperial Wizard. While the Grand Dragons are in session, for the purpose of electing an Imperial Wizard, they are prohibited from having any communication of any nature, whatsoever, with anyone outside of their meeting, from the time they are called to order until they have finally elected an Imperial Wizard.

Section 2. The Imperial Wizard shall hold office for a period of four years, or until his successor is elected and installed. He shall be removed for just cause by the Imperial Klouncilium, after charges have been preferred and a trial held, upon a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of said body, in session assembled, subject to the approval of the Grand Dragons [The Imperial Wizard appoints the Grand Dragons.—EDITOR], who shall be immediately convened in executive session by the Imperial Kligrapp.

Section 3. Upon the death or removal of the Imperial Wizard from office, the Imperial Klaliff shall immediately succeed to that office, and shall govern until a successor to the Imperial Wizard is installed. In the event the Imperial Wizard is removed from office, a successor shall be named at the earliest possible date thereafter, consistent with careful judgment in the selection.

DUTIES, PREROGATIVES AND POWERS OF THE IMPERIAL WIZARD

"A POWER THAT NO CROWNED TYRANT EVER WIELDED"

ARTICLE X

Section 1. Being the supreme chief executive of this order, the Imperial Wizard shall have and hold supreme authority and power within this Constitution in all administrative matters, and to act in any and all matters not prescribed in this Constitution, when, in his judgment, the best interest of this order warrants. He may delegate such authority to his subordinate executives or administrative officers as he may deem necessary, but the Imperial authority of this order shall ever center and be vested in him, and shall not be divided.

Section 2. He shall specify the duties of all officers regardless of rank or station, of whatever department, bureau, or division, other than those duties enumerated in this Constitution, and shall require such duties to be properly performed on penalty of removal from office.

Section 3. He shall issue charters for Klans, specify conditions on which charters shall be issued, and shall have the power to open and close charters of Klans in his discretion, or upon request of a Klan. He shall have full and unchallengeable authority and power to suspend or revoke charters of Klans, for cause.

Section 4. He shall promulgate all countersigns and passwords, and any and all other secret signs and work of this order, created by the Emperor.

Section 5. He shall have supreme supervision over all departments of this order.

Section 6. He shall have full authority to issue decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings, and instructions covering any matter not specifically set forth in this Constitution, or emphasizing any matter of this Constitution, and all such decrees, edicts, mandates, and instructions must be respected and obeyed promptly and faithfully by all members of this order, on penalty of banishment.

Section 7. He shall manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, all paraphernalia, regalia, uniforms, costumes, emblems, insignia, flags, banners, jewelry for individual wear, jewels for official use, clerical forms, books, pamphlets, literature, adver-

tising matter, stationery, etc., etc., and no other design, emblem, insignia, or form or thing, article or articles, shall be recognized, countenanced, or used by this order or any member of same. All designs, emblems or other insignia officially adopted by the Emperor, whether created by him or not, shall be recognized as official, and duly respected by all members of this order.

Section 8. He shall request of the Imperial Klonvokation such legislation as he deems wise for the best interest of this order in its government, regulation, and promulgation.

Section 9. He shall have full power and authority to remove from office, at any time, any officer of this order, other than an Imperial officer, of any rank or station or capacity, or any employee whomsoever, on the ground of incompetency, disloyalty, neglect of duty, or for unbecoming conduct.

Section 10. He shall have full authority and power to appoint all Imperial officers and Grand Dragons, and their terms of office shall be designated by him, unless otherwise provided for herein.

Section 11. He shall have and hold full and original authority and power, office and title of "Supreme Kleagle," and is fully authorized and empowered to solicit applicants for membership in this order, to collect and receipt for Klectokons, and admit to membership, in this order, any person or any number of persons at any time and in any place he may choose, provided such person or persons qualify under the requirements of Article IV, Section 1, of this Constitution.

Section 12. He shall issue and sign all commissions or other credentials of this order in promulgating same, and affix the Imperial seal thereto; and he shall contract, in the name of this order, with other members, for its extension, financing, management, operation, and business interests, and shall fix the compensation therefor.

Section 13. Whenever a question of paramount importance to the interest, well-being, or prosperity of this order arises, not provided for in this constitution, he shall have full power and authority to determine such question, and his decision, which he shall report to the Imperial Klonvokation, if requested, shall be final.

DUTIES OF IMPERIAL OFFICERS

ARTICLE XI

Section 1. IMPERIAL KLALIFF: Is the second highest officer of this order; he shall be the president of the Imperial Klonvokation, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 2. **IMPERIAL KLAZIK:** Is the second vice-president of this order, and he shall be the executive head of the department of Realms, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 3. **IMPERIAL KLOKARD:** The duties of the Imperial Klokard shall be to disseminate Klankraft, and perform such duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 4. **IMPERIAL KLUDD:** Is the chaplain of the Imperial Klonvokation, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 5. **IMPERIAL KLIGRAPP:** Is the supreme secretary and recording officer of this order. He shall be in charge of secretarial work, and shall be the custodian of the Imperial records and the Imperial seal. He shall receive and receipt for all funds coming from any source whatsoever. He shall transmit all such funds in his possession to the Imperial Klabee (supreme treasurer) at the close of each day, taking his receipt therefor. He shall be the secretary of the Imperial Klonvokation and shall act as secretary of the Imperial Kloncilium, and shall have general supervision of all the clerical work and workings. He shall keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements. He shall sign all papers, vouchers, and other documents requiring his signature or attestation. He shall furnish the Imperial Kloncilium, when requested, with such information as they desire with reference to his office. He shall give bond for the faithful and honest performance of the duties of his office in some reliable bonding and surety company in the sum of \$25,000.00, the said bond to be approved by the Imperial Kloncilium. He shall not assume the duties of his office until all these requirements are complied with.

Section 6. **IMPERIAL KLABEE:** Is the supreme treasurer of this order, and is, therefore, the custodian of its funds. It shall be his duty to demand of the Imperial Kligrapp, at the close of each day, all funds received by the Imperial Kligrapp, and he shall receipt the Imperial Kligrapp therefor and make a deposit of funds once each day in some bank or banks, designated by the Imperial Kloncilium. These funds shall be carried in the name of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and shall be paid out only upon the signature of the Imperial Klabee, countersigned by the Imperial Wizard. He shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements made by him, and shall make a full and complete report of the receipts and disbursements of his office to the Imperial Kloncilium at its regular annual meeting, and the Imperial Klonvokation at its regular meeting. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Imperial Wizard. For the faithful and

honest performance of his duties, he shall give bond in some bonding or surety company, to be approved by the Imperial Klouncilium, in a sum not less than \$50,000.00. The amount of this bond may be increased at any time by the Imperial Klouncilium.

Section 7. IMPERIAL KLADD: Shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 8. IMPERIAL KLAROGO: Is inner guard at all Imperial Klouncilium and Imperial Klconvocation meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 9. IMPERIAL KLEXTER: Is outer guard to all meetings of the Imperial Klouncilium and Imperial Klconvocation, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 10. IMPERIAL KLONSEL: Is supreme attorney or legal advisor of his order, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 11. IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK: Is the head of the Department of Investigation, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 12. THE IMPERIAL KLOKANN: Is the supreme board of auditors and special advisors. It shall be composed of four members, each of whom shall bear the official title of "Imperial Klokon." The chairman of this board shall be known as "Chief Imperial Klokon." The duties of this board shall be to audit the books, records, and reports of the Imperial Kligrapp and the Imperial Klabee, and the clerical records of this order, and to make a written report at each regular session of the Imperial Klconvocation and the Imperial Klouncilium. It shall recommend to the Imperial Wizard such plans and methods as it deems wise for the welfare of this order, and it shall perform such other duties as may be required of it, and each member thereof, individually, shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Imperial Wizard.

KLEAGLES AND GIANTS

ARTICLE XII

Section 1. A Kleagle is an organizer or field worker of this order, and shall be appointed only by, or under, the direct delegated authority of the Imperial Wizard, and shall work by and under his requirements and instructions.

Section 2. The Imperial Wizard, being by virtue of his office the Supreme Kleagle, shall have full power and authority

to commission and appoint members of this order as Kleagles, and he shall have full power to remove from office any Kleagle of any rank, grade, or station whatsoever.

Section 3. All authority, power, privileges, and prerogatives that may be vested in, or conferred upon, the office of Kleagle of any rank below the Supreme Kleagle, shall be derived from the Supreme Kleagle and delegated by him only, and same must be evidenced by a documentary commission, setting forth such authority and power so delegated.

Section 4. Kleagles, of whatever rank below the Supreme Kleagle, shall be employed under contract stipulations, and they shall give bond in some reliable bonding or security company in such amount as may be required by the Imperial Wizard.

Section 5. Kleagles, of whatever rank, grade or station, must thoroughly familiarize themselves with the Kloran, laws, principles, objects, history, usages, and mannerisms of this order, and must be able to demonstrate same in an intelligent and proficient manner.

Section 6. The title of Giant may apply by gradation to all officers who have served one or more terms as the chief executive officer of the Invisible Empire, and of subordinate jurisdictions thereof. A Klan Giant is one who has served as Exalted Cyclops; a Great Giant is one who has served as Great Titan; a Grand Giant is one who has served as Grand Dragon; an Imperial Giant is one who has served as Imperial Wizard. The title is not conferred on an officer until his successor has been duly installed. The title Giant shall, in all cases, be conferred upon the recommendation of the next officer above in rank. This honorary title shall be conferred in recognition of regular and faithful services performed as prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of this order. The Grand Dragon of a Realm shall, at all times, keep in his office a list of the Giants in that Realm, and shall, whenever possible, use such Giants for special service.

PARAPHERNALIA, REGALIA, EMBLEMS, ENSIGNS, INSIGNIA, ETC.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1. All ensigns, standards, flags or banners, and all emblems, insignia, paraphernalia, regalia, uniforms and costumes, and all designs thereof of our original society—the Ku Klux Klan—are retained and officially re-adopted as property of this order under its now incorporate name of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Section 2. All designs, ensigns, flags, standards, banners, emblems, insignia, seals, paraphernalia, regalia, uniforms, costumes, etc., and all clerical forms or matters to be printed, shall be adapted by, or designed by, or under the directions of the Emperor only.

Section 3. All articles, designs, and things referred to or implied in Sections 1 and 2, above, and Article X, Section 10, of this constitution, and all property, real and personal, shall ever be and remain the property of this order, and such supplies can only be procured from the Imperial Wizard by the required requisition therefor, and this also shall apply to all supplies used by any subordinate jurisdiction, and any and all jewelry or other articles used by a member.

Section 4. Any article or thing, regardless of form, or of what material it shall be made, or for what purpose it shall be made, or to what use it shall be subjected, if it bears an emblem or an insignia of this order, shall belong to and is the property of this order; and such article or thing cannot legally bear an emblem, insignia, or design of this order without written authority of the Imperial Wizard, and can only be procured through him, and can be used only by a member or by such person or persons properly coming under the protection of this order by authority of the Imperial Wizard. If such article or thing or other property be intrusted to or permitted to be in the possession of a member, or other person, as set forth above, it must be surrendered on official demand by an Exalted Cyclops or the Imperial Wizard. If a member has in his possession any article of property of this order, and voluntarily discontinues his membership, or is banished from membership, or in any other manner his connection with this order is severed, such article or articles, thing or things, must be immediately returned or surrendered by him to an Exalted Cyclops, Great Titan, Grand Dragon, or to the Imperial Wizard, and he shall be given a receipt for same. Upon his failure to do so within thirty days, the Exalted Cyclops or other officer shall take action necessary to regain the actual possession of such article or articles. All rights, privileges, and use of all such designs, emblems, insignia, etc., cited or implied above, are strictly reserved by this order.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, company, firm, or corporation, to manufacture or cause to be manufactured, catalogue or cause to be catalogued, advertise or cause to be advertised, sell or offer for sale or cause same to be done, any article or design whatsoever of this order, or anything used by or properly belonging to this order, unless such person or persons, company, firm, or corporation, be duly licensed by the Imperial Wizard to manufacture, advertise, or

sell such article, designs or things, and even then, only by a strict adherence to the conditions, restrictions and directions specified in said license.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any member of this order to purchase, cause to be purchased, or otherwise come into possession of any article or property of this order from any person, company, firm, or corporation, without authority to do so from the Imperial Wizard; he can procure such article from the Imperial Wizard only by making requisition therefor, and remitting the amount of money required. It shall be unlawful for any subordinate jurisdiction to procure any article or property of this order, or any supplies, etc., used by it from any other source than the Imperial Wizard, or by his authority.

Section 7. If an unauthorized person shall have in his possession any article, or property of this order, and this fact shall become known to a member, it shall be the sworn duty of such member to regain for this order the actual possession of such article without delay; his failure to do so will jeopardize his membership.

COSTUMES, SEALS, ENSIGNS, SYMBOLS, ETC.

ARTICLE XIV

Section 1. **KLAN PARAPHERNALIA:** Shall consist of altar furnishings as per Kloran, and such account books, forms and other things as are necessary.

Section 2. **COSTUMES:** The official costume of this order shall be a white robe of light-weight cotton cloth, made with cape of same material, and of proper length, with white girdle around waist, and insignia of this order worn on the left breast. The cowl, or helmet, shall be made of same material as the robe, and with whatever material necessary to give it the proper stiffness, and so made that it will be collapsible, and when worn shall be of a cone shape. There shall be one red tassel attached to the peak of same. There shall be an apron of the same material in both the front and rear, so as to completely conceal the identity of the wearer. The front apron shall have two holes of the proper size and location to facilitate the vision of the wearer. This shall be known as the Klansman's robe or costume. Costumes to be worn by active officers, of whatever rank or station, shall be of such design, and made of such material, and with the use of such colors, as may be prescribed by the Emperor.

Section 3. **EMBLEMS AND SYMBOLS:** Shall be such as may be designated or authorized by the Emperor.

Section 4. **ENSIGNS, FLAGS AND STANDARDS:** The official ensigns, flags and standards of this order, together with all official banners, shall be of such shape, size, and design as may be authorized by the Emperor.

Section 5. **THE GRAND ENSIGN:** The "Grand Ensign" or Banner of this order shall be in the form of an isosceles triangle, five feet long and three feet wide at the staff. The material shall be yellow, with a red scalloped border about three inches in width. There shall be painted upon it in black, a Dracovolans, or Flying Dragon, with the following motto inscribed on it: "Quod Semper, Quod ubique, quod ab omnibus." The tongue shall be painted in red, with an arrow-head end. The tail shall also end with an arrow-head.

Section 6. **SEAL:** There shall be a Seal of this order, which shall be known as the Great Imperial Seal. It shall bear the words, "Imperial Seal—Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," and shall be of such design as the Emperor shall direct. Each chartered Klan of this order shall have a Seal bearing the name, number, and Realm of the Klan, together with the name of this order, "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," and shall be of such design as directed by the Emperor. This Seal must be procured by the Klan immediately after it shall have been chartered. Seals to be used by the various subordinate jurisdictions shall bear the name—"Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," and be of such design as the Emperor may direct.

Section 7. **KLIKON AND SYMBOLS:** The Klikon is the sacred picture of this order, and as such must be rigidly safeguarded by whatever Klan or Klansman to whom it may be intrusted. The various symbols of this order, used in its several Kloranic orders, shall be such as are designed and authorized by the Emperor.

REVENUES AND PROPERTY TITLES

ARTICLE XV

Section 1. The revenues of this order shall consist of: First, a percentage of each and every Klectokon, whether paid to a Klan or to a Kleagle; such percentage to be determined by the Imperial Wizard. Second, a per capita tax, which shall be known as the Imperial Tax; which shall be a sum of money not to exceed fifteen (15c) cents per capita per month. Third, all profits realized from the placing of paraphernalia, regalia, supplies, jewelry, uniforms, costumes, stationery, and any and all other articles used in the work of this order or by any member. Fourth, all interest accruing on investments made by this order.

Section 2. The Imperial Tax shall begin with the month immediately succeeding the month in which a Klan is chartered, and is due and payable on the first day of each calendar quarter thereafter; the Kligrapp of each Klan shall remit the same with his regular quarterly report—his failure to do so will subject the charter of that Klan to suspension or cancellation. The Imperial Tax is hereby levied upon each and every Klan now chartered and which may be hereafter chartered, and the Imperial Wizard has full authority and power to collect same.

Section 3. The revenues of a Realm shall consist of: First, such portion of the Imperial revenue received from that Realm as may be fixed by proclamation of the Imperial Wizard. Second, a per capita tax, to be known as a Province Tax, in such amount as the Klonverse of each province may determine, in no case to be less than $8\frac{1}{2}$ cents per month.

REALMS

ARTICLE XVI

Section 1. A Realm may be organized within a state or states of the United States, or other territorial sub-division, when recommended by a committee of three Realm officers from other states, appointed by the Imperial Klazik for that purpose.

Section 2. A Realm is organized on the declaration of the Imperial Wizard, and with such declaration he shall appoint and name all officers thereof and shall furnish laws and regulations for the government of that Realm, and such appointment of officers and such laws, if not in conflict with this Constitution, shall be effective until the convention of the initial Klorero of that Realm after its organization; at which time the Klorero will proceed to elect all of its elective officers, and adopt laws for the government of that Realm, but such laws adopted and such elections held shall not be inconsistent with this constitution and the laws of this order. Such laws and amendments of laws adopted at this time, or at any future Klorero, must be ratified by the Grand Dragon and the Imperial Wizard before the same become effective as law.

Section 3. The Klorero of a Realm shall be composed of all Grand Officers of provinces within that Realm, and five Kleepers from each Province in said Realms. Grand Officers, Great Titans, and Great Officers shall be entitled to one vote each. The five Klepeers shall be entitled to one vote for each one hundred Klansmen, or major fraction thereof, in good standing with the Province that they represent, said Klepeers present to divide this vote equally. Exalted Cyclops shall have

the same voting rights, and under the same conditions as in the Klonvokation.

Section 4. The Klorero shall possess no power to interfere with the Imperial Wizard in his plans and purposes in the promulgation of this order within its respective bounds.

Section 5. The Klorero shall provide its own revenue to meet the expenses of its convention and clerical obligations.

Section 6. The officers of a Realm shall be a Grand Dragon, who shall be president of the Klorero; he shall be appointed by the Imperial Wizard for a term of office designated in his appointment or during faithful service and good behavior, and shall govern his Realm in a manner not inconsistent with this constitution, or the instructions and directions of his Imperial Klazik; Grand Klaliff, second highest officer of a Realm, who shall be vice-president of the Klorero; Grand Klokard, lecturer; Grand Kludd, chaplain; Grand Kligrapp, secretary; Grand Klabee, treasurer; Grand Kladd, conductor; Grand Klarogo, inner-guard; Grand Klexter, outer-guard; and a Grand Night-Hawk. These shall be known as the Grand Dragon and his nine Hydras. Officers of a Realm, other than the Grand Dragon, shall be elected by the Klorero on the nomination of the Grand Dragon, and such election must be ratified by the Imperial Klazik prior to their installation.

Section 7. The Grand Dragon and Great Titans of each Realm shall be required to meet en banc on the third Monday of July of each year. The first meeting to be held on the third Monday of July, 1923, at a place designated by the Imperial Klazik. The object of the meeting is to discuss Klan problems and to suggest solutions therefor.

PROVINCES

ARTICLE XVII

Section 1. The Grand Dragon shall designate the bounds of a Province in his Realm, and shall form new Provinces as the development warrants, but in number not to exceed six Provinces in any one Realm, except by permission of the Imperial Wizard. Desiring to form a Province, he shall procure permission from the Imperial Klazik. Upon receipt of such permission he shall notify all Klans to be incorporated in that Province, naming the officers appointed by him, and formally declaring such Province formed and report immediately such formation to the Imperial Klazik.

Section 2. At the initial convention of a Klonverse of a Province, elective officers of that Province shall be elected, but such election must be ratified by the Grand Dragon of that

Realm, and such officers elected and ratified shall be installed by the Grand Dragon, or by his duly appointed deputy, and they shall govern the Province under the direction and instructions of the Grand Dragon.

Section 3. A Klonverse shall be composed of all the Grand Officers of the Klan; all Great Officers of that Province and four Kleepers from each Klan in good standing in that Province. The Grand Officers and Great Officers shall each be entitled to one vote. The Kleepers shall be entitled to one vote for each one hundred Klansmen, or major fraction thereof, in good standing in their Klan, and they shall divide the vote of their Klan equally.

Section 4. The officers of a Province shall hereafter be: A Great Titan, the highest officer of a Province, and president of the Klonverse; three Great Klaliffs, who shall compose an advisory board; a Great Kligrapp, secretary; a Great Klabee, treasurer; a Great Kludd, chaplain; and a Great Night-Hawk. These officers shall be known as the Great Titan and his Seven Furies, and their terms of office shall be from the date of their installation until the next convention of the Klonverse, or until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

Section 5. The Great Titan of a Province shall be appointed by the Grand Dragon of the Realm, with the consent and approval of the Imperial Klazik, but all other officers of a Province shall be elected by the Klonverse on the nomination of the Great Titan.

Section 6. The function of the Klonverse is social and fraternal, for the purpose of promoting good fellowship within the bounds of that Province, and stimulating and developing interest in this order, and its mission and work.

Section 7. The Klonverse shall meet in regular session each calendar year, at such places as it may select, and at such time as the Great Titan may designate—provided, the Klonverse must hold its session at least thirty days prior to the convention of the Klorero of that Realm.

KLANS

ARTICLE XVIII

Section 1a. In states having a perfected Realm organization, the Grand Dragon shall designate the location of new Klans to be instituted, and shall stipulate the number of charter petitions to institute a new Klan.

Section 1b. In states having no Realm organization, the

King Kleagle shall be the judge of the location and number of petitioners necessary to institute a new Klan.

Section 2. The Kleagle in charge of the organization of a Klan shall remain in charge and be responsible until that Klan is duly chartered and its officers elected and installed.

Section 3a. Upon the organization of a Klan, a vote shall be had on the petitioners, and if there be three negative votes cast on the ballot as a whole, then an individual ballot shall be had by balloting on the petitioners one at a time, three negative ballots rejecting. After a Klan has been organized, and prior to the issuance and closing of its charter, charter applicants must be submitted to the Klan in klonklave assembled; if any Klansman present knows any just reason that disqualifies an applicant for membership, he must rise to his feet and challenge that applicant and state his reasons for so doing; this done, Provisional Exalted Cyclops, or the Kleagle in charge acting as such, shall refer the application to the Klokann, and the Klokann shall investigate the application on the basis of the grounds of objection, and they shall report on such applicant at the next subsequent klonklave, if possible, or at the very earliest possible date thereafter, at which klonklave final action shall be taken. An applicant who has been finally rejected cannot apply again until after the expiration of twelve months from date of rejection. If, after a careful investigation, the Klokann finds that the objector was in error, they shall report accordingly and recommend the passage of the applicant, and the Klan shall take definite and final action on the report of the Klokann.

Section 3b. Applications for membership in chartered Klans shall be read three times in klonklave assembled, and opportunity given each member present to make objections. All objections may be made in writing, signed by the objector and delivered to the Klokann, whose duty it shall be to investigate the objections and make their findings and report the same to the Klan body for its adoption or rejection. All petitions must be made in writing on Form K-115.

Section 3c. An applicant who has been finally rejected cannot apply again until after the expiration of twelve months from date of rejection, and shall be within the jurisdiction of that Klan for a period of three years. Provided, however, upon request of the Klokann of that Klan through regular channels, the Grand Dragon of organized Realms or the Imperial Wizard, in unorganized states, a special dispensation may be granted ordering another ballot taken immediately.

Section 4. A Klansman who presents the name of an applicant for membership in this order must know the applicant

personally and be familiar with his qualifications according to the Constitution and Laws. All members of a Klan must faithfully guard the portal of the Invisible Empire so that no person not qualified to enter therein shall be admitted.

Section 5. In the event a petitioner or an applicant is denied membership in this order, the sum of his Klectokon shall be immediately returned to him by the Kleagle, if same was collected by him, or by the Kligrapp of the Klan, if same was paid into the Klan.

Section 6. All actions of a Klan in rejecting an applicant for membership, as to the votes cast, and by whom objections were made, are a positive secret of this order; members who have knowledge of same and divulge or intimate in the slightest degree or cause such knowledge to be in any way communicated to any person not a member, shall be at once banished from the Invisible Empire for the violation of his oath, on the ground of treason.

Section 7. When the required number of charter petitioners have been obtained in a community where a Klan is to be located, the Kleagle will immediately forward a regular petition for the issuance of charter to the Imperial Wizard through the regular channels. Such petition must give the name selected for that Klan, time of the meetings of regular konklave, and must be signed by the Kleagle in charge or the officers, giving the address of that Klan.

Section 8. The Klan charter shall contain the following text:

IMPERIAL PALACE INVISIBLE EMPIRE
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
INCORPORATED

To All Who Read and Respect These Lines:

Greeting:

WHEREAS, the Imperial Wizard has received a petition from the following named citizens of the Invisible Empire.....
.....et al., praying
for themselves and others, and their successors, to be instituted
a Klan of the order under the name and number of.....
Klan number....., Realm of....., and same to
be located at....., in the county of.....,
state of....., United States of America, and
they having given assurance of their fidelity to this order and
their competency to render the service required, and their ready
willingness to take upon themselves and their successors the

duties and responsibilities thereof, and their serious, determined purpose to rightly use and not abuse, the powers, privileges and prerogatives conferred on them as such, and be faithful and true in all things committed to them;

Now, know ye, that I, the Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, on this the.....day of.....month of the year of our Lord, 19.....; and on the.....day of the.....week of the.....month of the year of the Klan....., and in the.....cycle of the third reign of our reincarnation, under the authority possessed by me, do issue this Charter to the aforesaid petitioners, their associates and successors, under the name and number aforesaid, from the day and date hereon, and same is effective from the date of its acceptance by said Klan as certified below.

The said Klan is hereby authorized and empowered to do and to perform all such acts and things as are prescribed by the Kloran, laws, Imperial decrees, edicts, mandates and usages of the order, and to enjoy all the rights, privileges and prerogatives authorized by the Constitution thereof; and all Klansmen are strictly enjoined to valiantly preserve and persistently practice the principles of pure patriotism, honor, klanishness and white supremacy, ever keeping in mind and heart the sacred sentiment, peculiar purpose, manly mission, and lofty ideals and objects of this order, a devoted *loyalty* to their *Emperor* and their *Imperial Wizard*, a steadfast obedience to the Constitution of this order, a faithful keeping of their oath of allegiance, and a constant, unwavering fidelity to every interest of the *Invisible Empire*, to the end that progress, power, purpose and influence of Klankraft be properly promoted, the knowledge of the faithful, self-sacrificing service and noble achievements of our fathers be not lost to posterity, and all those things for which this, our beloved order, is founded to do and perform and to protect, and to preserve and to perpetuate, be diligently done and scrupulously maintained, and that they be blameless in preserving the grace, dignity and intent of this Charter forever.

I solemnly charge you to hold fast to the dauntless faith of our fathers and to keep their spotless memory secure and unstained, and true to the traditions of our valiant sires, meet every behest of duty, in all the relationships of life and living, promptly and properly, without fault, without fail, without fear and without reproach.

The Imperial Wizard has and holds the full and unchallengeable authority, right and power to cancel, suspend or revoke this Charter, and to annul all the rights, powers, prerogatives, and immunities conferred hereby, for the neglect or the refusal on the part of the said Klan to conform to and comply with the Kloran, Constitution and Laws of this order, and the Imperial

decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions thereof, or its failure to respect the usages of this order as proclaimed by and maintained under the *Imperial Authority* of same.

In testimony whereof, I, the Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, have caused to be affixed hereon the Great Imperial Seal of the Invisible Empire, and do hereunto set my hand and impress my official seal, and same is duly attested—
"Non Silba Sed Anthar."

Done in the executive chambers of his Lordship, the Imperial Wizard, in the Imperial Palace, in the Imperial City of Atlanta, Commonwealth of Georgia, United States of America, on the day and date above written.

By his Lordship,

Imperial Wizard, of the Invisible Empire,
 Knights of the Ku Klux Klan:

Imperial Kligraph.

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

This certifies that this charter was read to and duly adopted by above named Klan, in session assembled, with all stipulations and conditions herein stated or implied, on the..... day of....., A. D., 19..... AK.

Exalted Cyclops of the above named Klan.

(Witness)

Section 9. Upon the receipt of the Charter, the Kleagle or the Provisional Exalted Cyclops shall notify, or cause to be notified, the members of the Klan to assemble at the earliest convenient time in klonklave, at which klonklave the Charter shall be read and accepted by the Klan and a record made in the minutes of the Klan. The Charter of the Klan is then closed, and the Klan will proceed to elect its elective officers, exercising care to select officers who are competent and fitted for the respective offices. This done the service of the Kleagle terminates with this Klan. The Klan proceeds at once to supply itself with a seal and with adequate and suitable by-laws for its government and the regulation of its affairs and for the rigid protection and interests of this order within its Klanton.

HEADS, THEY WIN; TAILS, YOU LOSE

Section 19. Each and every member, naturalized in this order, must supply himself with a robe and helmet, by sending, through his Kligrapp, his measurement and the required fee for same. This robe and helmet shall be his, and his only, just so long as he is a member of this order in good standing. Upon his voluntarily quitting this order, or his being suspended or banished, for any cause, he shall return to the Exalted Cyclops his robe and helmet without delay, along with any other emblem, insignia or other property of this order in his possession; all monies such member has paid were accepted as a guarantee of good faith, and same are forfeited by him.

Section 20. A Klan, under any and all circumstances, shall accord full respect to its Charter, and thereby strictly observe the Constitution and Laws, mannerisms, usages and Kloranic (ritualistic) regulations and requirements of this order as same are promulgated by the Imperial Wizard; and shall give due respect and obedience to all Imperial, Realm and Provincial decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions issued by the said officers; and failure on the part of a Klan to do so shall be cause for revocation of its Charter and the suspension of its entire membership from this order.

Section 21. A Klan shall meet in klonklave at least once every month and gather promptly at the hour agreed upon. Six members of a Klan shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any regular klonklave.

Section 22. Special klonklave may be held at any time, whenever same are deemed necessary by the Exalted Cyclops, or when he is requested to do so by twenty-five per cent of the membership in good standing, and ten per cent in cases where the membership in good standing is greater than one thousand; provided, however, in no event under the provisions of this section shall the number required be less than one hundred in Klans having a membership in good standing greater than four hundred, if this meeting is called upon petition, in accordance with the provisions.

Section 23. In the event the charter of a Klan has been revoked or cancelled for any cause, whatsoever, and in the event of disbandment of a Klan, whether it be a chartered or Provisional Klan, all monies of that Klan in the possession of any officer or member thereof shall automatically become the actual monies of the Imperial treasury of this order and same must be freely and promptly turned over, on demand, to the properly accredited officer who is authorized by the Imperial Wizard to receive same in the name of this order; also all books, papers,

manuscripts, Klorans, records, seal, Klan paraphernalia, regalia, robes, helmets and any and all other things used by the Klan, and all articles or things appertaining to this order as may have been used by or are in the possession of any individual member thereof.

DUTIES OF KLAN OFFICERS

ARTICLE XIX

Section 1. **EXALTED CYCLOPS:** The Exalted Cyclops is the supreme officer of a Klan and its official head. He shall preside over the klonklaves and govern same with dignity, devotion and impartiality. He shall be faithful in the prompt and efficient discharge of every duty prescribed or implied, incumbent upon him, and fearless without respect to individual persons in the administration of the affairs of his office in promoting the welfare of this order within the bounds of his Klanton, and he shall set a laudable example to all Klansmen, of patriotism, Klanishness, benevolence, love, justice, in every respect. He shall require a faithful honor and a devoted loyalty to this order in observance on the part of all Klansmen within his Klanton of the Constitution, laws, usages, etc., of this order, and all Imperial, Realm or Province decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions, and seek to make vital and effective the principles, objects and purposes of this order. He shall call the klonklave to order promptly on the hour designated, if there be a quorum present, and see that his Terrors fill their respective offices in an acceptable manner. He shall diligently safeguard the sanctity and dignity of the charter of his Klan and suffer no encroachment thereon, nor any departure therefrom. He shall require the ritualistic work of the Kloran to be exemplified with the highest degree of perfection possible, and he shall do such other things as may be required of him by the laws of this order, the Kloran, the By-Laws of his Klan, and faithfully execute all orders and special instructions of the Great Titan, Grand Dragon or the Imperial Wizard.

Section 2. **KLALIFF:** The Klaliff is the vice-president of his Klan, and he shall preside over the klonklave in the absence of the Exalted Cyclops. He shall preserve order during the deliberations of a klonklave, and otherwise assist the Exalted Cyclops in klonklave assembled and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and By-Laws of his Klan.

Section 3. **KLOKARD:** The Klokard is the lecturer or instructor and the Klan censor or critic. He shall administer the oaths, deliver the Kloranic lectures, instruct in secret work, do

those things commonly required of a critic, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the By-Laws of his Klan. He shall be responsible for the proper performance of all ritualistic work within his Klan, and shall disseminate Klancraft throughout his Klanton.

Section 4. **KLUDD:** The Kludd is the chaplain of the Klan. He shall perform the duties peculiar to his sacred office, and such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the By-Laws of his Klan. He shall be responsible for such musical programs as may be presented; and for the general spiritual welfare of his Klan.

Section 5. **KLIGRAPP:** The Kligrapp is the secretary and recording officer of the Klan. He shall keep an accurate and complete record of all the proceedings of his Klan assembled, and a correct and systematic record of its membership, and of the date each member was naturalized, etc., as required by the record book for that purpose. He shall make a report through the proper channels to the proper officers not later than the 10th of the month for the calendar quarter last past on the regular blanks therefor, and with his reports he shall remit to said officer or officers all monies belonging to this order, such as Imperial Tax, Realm or Provincial Tax, Klectokons, monies due for supplies and any and all other monies due and payable to said officers. He shall witness all requisitions made for any article or paraphernalia, regalia, jewelry, or other property of this order, to be used by the Klan or a member thereof, and see that the required sum of money is sent therewith. He shall notify all members who are in arrears three months, and shall notify the Imperial Office of the arrears of a member for three months. He shall be the custodian of the seal of the Klan and shall impress it on all papers and documents requiring same, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the By-Laws of his Klan.

Section 6. **KLABEE:** The Klabee is the treasurer of the Klan. He shall be the custodian of its funds, and shall receive from the Kligrapp all monies due to be turned over to him, giving his receipt for same, and keeping same apart from his personal funds and secure for the sole use of the Klan. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received by him, and pay same out only on order of the Klan, signed by the Exalted Cyclops and the Kligrapp, except the monies due by the Klan to the Imperial Realm and Province officers, which monies do not require action of the Klan, and make a faithful record of such disbursements. He shall make a complete and itemized report of his office to the Klan when same is requested by the Exalted Cyclops or the Klan, and shall perform such other

duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops and the By-Laws of his Klan.

Section 7. **KLADD:** The Kladd is the conductor of the Klan and the custodian of its paraphernalia and other properties. He shall conduct candidates for naturalization, collect the countersign and pass-word at the opening of a klonklave, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the by-laws of his Klan.

Section 8. **KLAROGO:** The Klarogo is the inner guard of the Klan. He shall keep a diligent watch at the inner door and permit only those to enter the Klavern who are qualified or have the permission of the Exalted Cyclops. If he should be in doubt as to the qualifications of the one seeking admission, he must satisfy himself from the Klaliff or Kligrapp. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the By-Laws of his Klan.

Section 9. **KLEXTER:** The Klexter is the outer guard of a Klan. He shall keep a diligent and faithful watch at the outer door, and allow no one to pass him from the outside except those who are qualified and have permission of the Exalted Cyclops. He shall observe, from time to time, the outside premises of the Klavern to see that no eavesdroppers or other persons are around, who are liable to obtain information or knowledge concerning the acts or procedure of the klonklave. He shall, in no case, leave his post of duty unless summoned therefrom by the Exalted Cyclops, and even then, a substitute must be placed in his stead to watch until his return. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops, the Kloran and the By-Laws of his Klan.

Section 10. **NIGHT-HAWK:** The Night-Hawk is the special courier of the Exalted Cyclops. He shall have charge of and shall entertain the candidates in the outer den of the Klavern until he is signaled to enter the Klavern at the beginning of the ceremony of naturalization. He shall carry the Fiery Cross in the ceremony and on all public exhibitions where same is used, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Exalted Cyclops and the By-Laws of his Klan.

Section 11. **KLOKANN:** The Klokann is the board of auditors, advisors and trustees, and the investigating committee of the Klan. It shall be composed of three members, each of whom shall hear the title of "Klokan." It shall be their duty to audit the books and records of the Kligrapp and the Klabee in the month of June each year, and oftener if so required by the Klan in writing. They shall see that all paraphernalia, regalia and other property of the Klan and of this order is properly kept, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of them

by the Exalted Cyclops and the by-laws of their Klan. Said Klokann may select such assistants as in their judgment seems necessary.

Section 13. The Grand Dragon or the Great Titan shall have the power to remove any officer of a local Klan for cause, but must immediately report said removal to the Tribunal of the Realm, whose duty it shall be to immediately pass on the correctness of his act. If he is sustained, the Klan shall proceed to elect a successor to the officer removed; if he is not sustained, the officer removed resumes the duties of his office. This applies in Realms that have perfected Realm organizations. In all other jurisdictions this power is vested in the Imperial Wizard, who shall report same to the Imperial Klouncilium for review in the same manner as above set forth.

YEAR OF THE KLAN: The year of the Klan (Anno Klan) begins with the month of May each year.

CYCLE: A Cycle is twelve calendar months beginning with the month of December each year.

REIGN: The Reign of Incarnation includes all time up to the American revolutionary war. The first reign of our Reincarnation dates from the beginning of the revolutionary war and the establishment of our government to the organization of the Ku Klux Klan of the reconstruction, in the year A. D. 1866. The second Reign of our Reincarnation dates from the year A. D. 1866 to the year 1872. The third Reign of our Reincarnation dates from the year A. D. 1915 on to the present and the future.

Section 2. The Kardinal Kullors of this order hereafter, shall be white, crimson, gold and black. The secondary Kullors shall be gray, green and blue. The official Kullors of the Emperor shall be such as he may designate—those of the Imperial Wizard, royal purple. The significance and the mystery of these Kullors in the Invisible Empire shall be revealed Kloranically.

Section 3. There shall be four Kloranic Orders of this order, namely: The Order of Citizenship or K-UNO (probationary); Knights Kamellia or K-DUO (primary order of knighthood); Knights of the Great Forrest or K-TRIO (the order of American chivalry); and Knights of the Midnight Mystery or K-QUAD (superior order of knighthood and spiritual philosophies).

Section 4. These several orders of Klannish achievement and Kloranic advancement shall be communicated, and their Kloranic regulations, requirements and governments shall be

established and promulgated by and in the discretion of the Emperor of this order in the unfoldment of its philosophies and in the revelation of its spiritual mysteries.

ARTICLE XXII

ANNIVERSARY

Section 1. The order was first organized and operated under the appellation of the Ku Klux Klan, or Invisible Empire, in the town of Pulaski, Tennessee, in the month of May, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six (1866), by six young men as a "social club." In the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven (1867) it was reorganized into a "regulative and protective organization," and, as such, it actively existed as a cohesive organization until about the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two (1872), at which time it voluntarily disbanded, in pursuance of an order issued by its Grand Wizard, General Nathan Bedford Forrest. [*Congress made it a crime for an organization of this kind to exist and President Grant signed its abolition.*—EDITOR.]

In the month of October, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen (1915), it was resurrected, reconstructed and remodeled into its present incorporated form and character as a "historical, social, patriotic, military, benevolent, ritualistic, fraternal order or society," under its present appellation by William Joseph Simmons, of Atlanta, Georgia, and thirty-three associates, three of whom were bona fide members in good standing of this order when it disbanded as a regulative and protective organization, as above stated.

Section 2. The anniversary date of this order hereafter shall be the sixth (6th) day of the month of May each year.

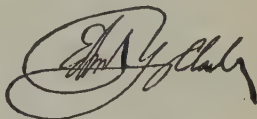
Section 3. An anniversary celebration shall be held each year on the anniversary date in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, as the principal anniversary celebration of this order. The concluding exercises of which shall be held, if possible, on the summit of Stone mountain, near the city of Atlanta, Georgia, at midnight of the anniversary date.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

THIS CERTIFIES, That the above, as duly authorized by the incorporators of said corporation, in session assembled on the third day of July, A. D. 1916, AK-L, were duly adopted, subject to ratification by the Imperial Wizard, by the Imperial Klono-vocation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, in its initial session, assembled on the twenty-ninth day of November,

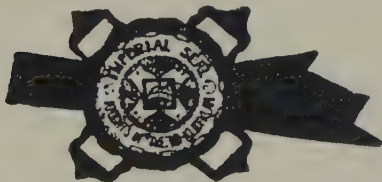
A. D., nineteen hundred and twenty-two, AK-LVI, in the city of Atlanta, Georgia. I officially declare and affirm that the text hereof is correct.

Atlanta, Georgia, November 29, 1922.



Imperial Klaliff.

(Ex-Officio President of the Imperial Klonvokation).



William Joseph Simmons
IMPERIAL - WIZARD.

CERTIFICATE OF RATIFICATION AND PROCLAMATION

To all Genii, Grand Dragons and Hydras, Great Titans and Furies, Giants, Exalted Cyclops and Terrors, and to all citizens of the Invisible Empire; in the name of the Valiant and Venerated dead, I affectionately greet you:

THIS CERTIFIES, That the above, as authorized, prepared and adopted by the Imperial Klonvokation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, has been duly submitted to me for ratification and proclamation; the same is hereby ratified, and, therefore, I do

OFFICIALLY PROCLAIM

The same to be for the government of the Invisible Empire and all jurisdictions and Klans thereunder, and all persons therein, and to which all citizens thereof, Klansmen, members of this order, have sworn an unqualified allegiance, and pledge in sacred sincerity, a constant inflexible obedience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, have caused the great Imperial Seal of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, to be impressed hereon, and I hereunto affix my official signature and seal on this, the twenty-ninth day of the eleventh month of the year, of our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-two; and on the Doleful Day of the Weird Week of the Terrible Month of the Year of the Klan LVI, in the Seventh Cycle of the Third Reign of our Reincarnation.

TO THE LOVERS of law and order, peace and justice, we send greetings; and to the shades of the Valiant, Venerated Dead, we gratefully and affectionately dedicate the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Done in the executive chamber of His Lordship, the Imperial Wizard, in the Imperial Palace, in the Imperial City of Atlanta, Commonwealth of Georgia, United States of America, on the day and date above written.

"Non Silba Sed Anthar."

BY HIS LORDSHIP,

H. W. Evans

Imperial Wizard.
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
(Imperial Seal) (NEW ADMINISTRATION)



Attest:

H. Ramsey

Imperial Kligrapp,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
(NEW ADMINISTRATION)

NOT A BRIGHT DAY ON THE KLAN KALENDAR**KU KLUX KALENDAR, KU KLUX KULLORS, ETC.**

Hereafter, the calendar of this order by which days, weeks, months and years shall be designated in all official documents, is as follows:

Days	Weeks	Months
7. Desperate.	5. Weird.	12. Appalling.
6. Dreadful.	4. Wonderful.	11. Frightful.
5. Desolate.	3. Wailing.	10. Sorrowful.
4. Doleful.	2. Weeping.	9. Mournful.
3. Dismal.	1. Woeful.	8. Horrible.
2. Deadly.		7. Terrible.
1. Dark.		6. Alarming.
		5. Furious.
		4. Fearful.
		3. Hideous.
		2. Gloomy.
		1. Bloody.

KLAN PASSWORDS, ETC.

AYAK—"Are you a Klansman?" The answer is
AKIA, "a Klansman I am."

CYKNAR—"Call your Klan number and Realm."

KIGY—"Klansman, I greet you."

KOTOP—"Klansmen obey their oath persistently."

TWK—"Trade with Klansmen."

ITSUB—"In the sacred unfailing bond."

LET US HAVE THE MEANING OF THE NAMES OF THESE KLAN OFFICIALS

What is a wizard? A wizard is one devoted to the black art; a magician; a sorcerer.

What is the black art? The art practiced by conjurers and witches.

What are cyclops? Giants having but one eye, and that in the middle of their foreheads. Makers of thunder-bolts.

What is a dragon? A fabulous animal represented as a winged serpent or lizard; a fierce person; fierce, destructive.

It may be that the more hideous description of a dragon found in the scriptures caused both the old and new Klan to designate its chief officer in a state as a Grand Dragon.

In Revelations, Chapter 12, verses 3 and 4, we read: And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman, which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Is it any wonder that an organization, which honors a monster thus described by giving this name to one of its chief officers, should hide its face and conceal its membership?

It seems that this old dragon undertook to make a Realm out of heaven, for we read a little further on in this chapter:

And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

THE OATH OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

After taking this oath the Klansmen pass before the Exalted Cyclops for the final dedication. Copied verbatim from pag 40, dedicator service, The Kloran, is the following:

EXALTED CYCLOPS: "Sirs: Have (each of) you assumed, without mental reservation, your oath of allegiance to the Invisible Empire?"

"Mortal man cannot assume a more binding oath; character and courage alone will enable you to keep it. Always remember that to keep this oath, means to you honor, happiness and life; but to violate it, means disgrace, dishonor and DEATH."

Blind and unconditional obedience to the "constitutions, laws, regulations, uses and requirements" of the Ku Klux Klan, even to the extent of endorsing the principles of secret, mob violence, is accepted by every person who takes the oath of allegiance to the Invisible Empire.

That every Klansman, on the penalty of death, also agrees to carry out the mandates, decrees, edicts, rulings, and "instructions" of the Imperial Wizard, also is plainly shown in a reproduction of the oath taken by the citizens of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The first section of this oath, that carries veiled hints of violence to back it, binds the members to unconditional obedience to a constitution he has never seen. Not only that, but it binds him to obey any laws that may be enacted in the future, whether or not he approves of them. When he takes this obligation he gives a lease on his life to the Klan.

Absolute secrecy, even in the face of death, is his second obligation, and he promises that he "will pay promptly all just and legal demands made upon me to defray the expenses of my Klan when same are due and called for."

Then, with his left hand over his heart and his right raised to heaven, and with the promise that "this

oath I will seal with my blood," the candidate takes oath that he will "most zealously and valiantly shield and preserve, by any and all JUSTIFIABLE means and methods [not legal means and methods], the sacred constitutional rights and privileges of free speech, free public schools, free press, separation of church and state, liberty, white supremacy, just laws and the pursuit of happiness, against attack of any nature by any person or persons, political party or parties, religious sect or people, native, naturalized or foreign, or any race, color, creed, lineage or tongue, whatsoever."

The exact text of the oath of allegiance administered to all new Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is given below; the asterisks are printed to take the place of the words of Ku Klux Klan, also the officers of the order. These places are left blank in the printed oath, because it is carried by Klan officials and might be lost, revealing their secrets.

THE OATH

SECTION I—OBEDIENCE

You will place your left hand over your heart and raise your right hand to heaven, you will say "I" (pronounce your full name and repeat after me), "in the presence of God and man—threats, passion, punishment, persecution, persuasion, or any enticements, whatsoever, coming—most solemnly pledge, promise and swear unconditionally that I will faithfully obey the constitution and laws and will conform to all regulations, usages and requirements of the * * * * which do now exist, or which may hereafter be enacted, and will render, at all times, loyal respect and steadfast support to the Imperial authority of same, and will heartily heed all official mandates, decrees, edicts, rulings and instructions of the I* W* thereof. I will yield prompt response to all summonses, I having knowledge of same, providence alone preventing."

SECTION II—SECRECY

"I most solemnly swear that I will forever keep sacredly secret all the signs, words and grip and any and all other matters and knowledge of the * * * * regarding which a most rigid secrecy must be maintained, which may at any time be communicated to me, and will never divulge same, nor even cause the same to be divulged, to any person in the whole world, unless I know positively that such person is a member of this order in good and regular standing, and not even then, unless it be for the best interest of this order.

"I most sacredly vow, and most positively swear, that I will not yield to bribe, flattery, from or offered by any person or persons, male or female, for the purpose of, obtaining from me, secrets or secret information of the * * * * I will die rather than divulge same, so help me God—AMEN!"

You will drop your hands.

GENTLEMEN (or SIR) :

You will wait in patience and peace until you are informed of the decision of the E* C* and his * in konklave assembled.

You will place your left hand over your heart and raise your right hand to heaven.

SECTION III—* FIDELITY

(You will say) "I" (pronounce your full name, and repeat after me), "before God, and in the presence of these mysterious *smen, on my sacred honor, do most solemnly and sincerely pledge, promise and swear that I will diligently guard and faithfully maintain its social caste and dignity.

"I swear that I will not recommend any person for membership in this order whose mind is unsound or whose character is doubtful or whose loyalty to our country is questionable.

"I swear that I will pay promptly all just and legal demands made upon me to defray the expenses of my * and this order, when same are due or called for.

"I swear that I will protect the property of the * * * * of any nature, whatsoever, and if any should be intrusted to my keeping, I will properly keep, or rightly use same, and will freely and promptly surrender same, on official demand, if ever I am banished from or voluntarily discontinue my membership in this order. I will most determinedly maintain peace and harmony in all the deliberations of the gatherings or assemblies of the I* E* and of any subordinate jurisdiction or * thereof.

"I swear that I will most strenuously discourage selfishness and selfish political ambition on the part of myself or any *sman.

"I swear that I will never allow personal friendship, blood or family relationship, or personal, political or professional prejudice, malice or ill-will, to influence me in casting my vote for the election or rejection of an applicant for membership in this order—God being my helper—AMEN!"

You will drop your hands.

You will place your left hand over your heart and raise your right hand to heaven.

SECTION IV—*ISHNESS

(You will say) "I" (pronounce your full name, and repeat after me), "most solemnly pledge, promise and swear that I will never slander, defraud, deceive, or in any manner wrong the * * * * a *sman, nor a *sman's family, nor will I suffer the same to be done, if I can prevent it.

"I swear that I will, at any time, without hesitating go to the assistance or rescue of any *sman in any way, at his call I will answer, I will be truly *ish toward *smen, in all things honorable.

"I swear that I will not allow any animosity, fric-

tion or ill-will to arise and remain between myself and a *sman, but will be constant in my efforts to promote real *ishness among the members of this order.

"I swear that I will keep secure to myself a secret of a *sman, when same is committed to me, in the sacred bond of *smanship, the crime of violating THIS solemn oath, treason against the United States of America, rape, and malicious murder alone excepted.

"I most solemnly swear and affirm that to the government of the United States of America, and any state thereof of which I may become a resident, I sacredly swear, an unqualified allegiance above any other and every kind of government in the whole world. I, here and now, pledge my life, my property, my vote, and my sacred honor, to uphold its flag, its constitution, and constitutional laws, and will protect, defend, and enforce same unto death.

"I swear that I will most zealously and valiantly shield and preserve, by any and all justifiable means and methods, the sacred constitutional rights and privileges of free public schools, free speech, free press, separation of church and state, liberty, white supremacy, just laws, and the pursuit of happiness against any encroachment, of any nature, by any person or persons, political party or parties, religious sect or people, native, naturalized or foreign, of any race, color, creed, lineage or tongue, whatsoever.

"All to which I have sworn by THIS oath, I will seal with my blood, be Thou my witness, Almighty God—AMEN!"

You will drop your hands.

PLEA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The following is the complete text of E. Y. Clarke's plea made to President Calvin Coolidge and delivered to the White House, Thursday, December 27, 1923, by the author:

To the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: As the man most largely responsible for the building up of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and having recently been confronted with indisputable information and evidence showing the prostitution of the ideals and principles and purposes of the Klan, and also facts related to the steady withdrawal of the better element, either from the Klan itself or from participation in the active affairs of, or operating control of the organization since I voluntarily severed active official connection with the Klan, now more than one year ago, I take the liberty of addressing this communication to you, the supreme head of our government, to tender you any assistance in my power to end the activities of an element of our citizenship which has crept into the organization, and is apparently in control thereof, and making the Klan, as now operated, a real menace to law and order, individual rights and liberties, and Democratic political government.

I have received from widely-scattered sections of the country direct and authoritative information that the Klan is rapidly developing, nationally, as a cheap political machine, a regulatory law and order league, and, in sections where it is strongest, brazenly and openly superseding the authority of the courts, and through character assassination, intimidation, and actual physical violence, depriving American citizens of their constitutional rights, without due process of law or trial before a jury of their peers.

The positive and indisputable information which has come to me as to the gradual degradation and despoliation of the

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, through disregard of its high ideals, principles and purposes, is a severe shock and keen disappointment to me, and while I am perfectly willing to assume the moral responsibility, which is rightly mine, as having been chiefly instrumental in the building of the Klan, in justice to myself and hundreds of thousands of high-grade men who have been drawn into the Klan because of its declaration of ideals and principles, I cannot and will not rest passive and silent and sit idly by in the face of such conditions and thus allow to fall on my shoulders the blame for the outrages of justice, individual liberty, and respect for the courts and the government resulting from the rape of the organization which has taken place in the past year or eighteen months' time.

In the hearts of the founders, promoters, and builders of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, it was never intended that the organization should be either a law and order league, or a political machine, but, rather, that it was to be an organization designed to up-build and develop spiritually, morally, and physically, the Protestant white men of America. The process through which this development was to take place was designed to be through scientific educational propaganda inside the lodge room, and through printed literature and by the establishment of great educational universities in different parts of the nation, and through the building of magnificent hospitals for the healing of the physical ills of mankind. Included, definitely, among these aims being the world's largest white-plague sanitarium and the largest dope-cure place of refuge in America.

It was still further designed, through ceremonies in the lodge room and through the higher development of character of the membership of the organization, to teach the men who had taken the oath of the organization, greater respect for law and order, and the courts and the government, thus giving to the government and the courts of the land a body of men that would be an unseen but powerful and influential moral factor, serving to stabilize the courts and the government at all times, and to be particularly serviceable in times of stress or trouble of any kind.

The thing which alarms me most in connection with the organization is the apparent trend of thought inside the ranks

of the membership of the organization toward disregard for law and order, and the tendency on the part of the membership to seek to assume local, state, and national political dictatorship, and, in my judgment, when any powerful secret organization assumes either of the above attitudes, it immediately becomes a real menace to free government and the rights, privileges, and liberties guaranteed under the constitution to the citizens of the United States of America.

The position I am taking in this matter is no new one for me, but is the platform I have stood upon since the day I first joined the Klan, and is in harmony with the oath I took when I became a Klansman four years ago. When I was acting as Imperial Wizard Pro Tem of the organization, I unhesitatingly revoked charters of branch organizations, banished Klansmen from fellowship in the Klan, and threatened at one time to revoke the charters of every Klan in a whole state unless Klans and Klansmen respected their oath as Klansmen and committed no violations of law, either as individuals or as bodies of men, and kept themselves free from political entanglements, except as individuals, voting for what they individually considered right as citizens of the country. As a matter of public policy, also, I at one time prohibited an entire state from holding any further parades, and restricted, within that state, the wearing of the costume of the Klan exclusively to the lodge rooms, because I felt that a wrong interpretation was being placed by the public upon the parades of the Klan, and that it was not good for the public morals or welfare for Klan parades to be further allowed in that state.

In addition to official acts of this kind of mine, in the last three speeches which I made for the Klan, and which were delivered in Pennsylvania, at Erie, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, I fearlessly proclaimed my attitude towards certain things. At Erie, Pennsylvania, on December 4, 1922, during the course of my speech, I said:

"Never in all my life, and in all my experience, have I so treated the responsibility of any task as I have the responsibility of leading Klans and Klansmen over the plains and up the hill-tops to the sun-kissed mountains of Klankraft—a wonderful opportunity, but a terrible responsibility. . . . Now,

Klansmen, just a few 'don'ts' about your Erie Klan, and any other Klan you may represent: Don't allow this great and wonderful organization, of which you are a member, to become degraded by any member or set of members committing any acts in violation of the law of the land. The day that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan becomes a lawless machine, that is the day you have lost the leadership of E. Y. Clarke in any form or shape. You don't have to commit acts of lawlessness to accomplish your results. We have the finest laws in the world."

At Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 5, 1922, I said:

"Listen to me, men: The day the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan becomes an institution operated outside the laws of the United States of America, or disrespecting the authority of the greatest country with the greatest government in the world, that day E. Y. Clarke, the master builder of the organization, will turn all of his energies to destroy it."

At Philadelphia, Pa., on December 6, in explaining why I had come to Pennsylvania to make the speeches at Erie, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, I said:

"I accepted the invitation of the Klans in Pennsylvania to come and make three speeches, because I felt that I wanted to get into the minds of Klansmen of Pennsylvania, if I might, the real heart and soul and spirit of Klankraft, coming from the man who had builded and saw the vision. I wanted to tell you, men, that while I had builded this organization, that if this organization ever became a law unto itself, operating, or attempting to operate, outside the regularly constituted authority of this country, this state, or this city, that I, myself, would leave it and do everything in my power, publicly and privately, to crush it; and I have made this same statement, Klansmen, before every audience, and before every Klan meeting in which I have appeared, and I mean it, men. There is no justification for a lawless machine in America."

It is, after an absence of six or eight months, made necessary, by orders of my physician, to rebuild my health, that I return to find that the active membership of the Klan has changed, certainly, in some states, if not in all, from men of the type who listened to and applauded the sentiments expressed

above in Pennsylvania, to a class, at present in control, whose energies apparently are directed to participation in whipping parties, threats and character assassination, and the formation of political machines.

In the face of this condition, and as an American citizen and having taken a solemn oath as a Klansman, and as the builder of the Klan, and the leader of the former controlling element in the Klan, whose aims and ideals were, and still are, the same as outlined above in this communication, I feel that I can do no less than come to you, as the supreme head of our government, and, speaking for myself and the hundreds of thousands of magnificent men, who followed my lead, and who came into the organization because of the proclamation of its high ideals and principles and purposes, and tender to you any assistance in my power toward forcing the lawless element out of the Klan, thus, permitting it to function, as intended, as a high-tone character-building, active fraternal organization; or, this being impossible, toward the stamping out of the menace which the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has become, through the prostitution of its high purposes, ideals and principles, by those who are either undesirable or incapable of controlling the situation from inside the Klan.

Most respectfully yours,

EDWARD YOUNG CLARKE,

Imperial Giant,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

THE RECORD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

The record of the Ku Klux Klan is a dark blot on the pages of current history. Intolerance, greed, corruption and terrorism are its tenets.

Evolved by men whose chief purpose was individual gain, it has fed and fattened upon race prejudice and religious hatred. It has torn families apart, led men to hate former friends, created breeches and dissolution of life-long business partnerships, disrupted labor organizations and fraternal societies and caused a wave of hatred, vandalism, sabotage and the boycott to sweep the entire nation.

And, back of all this, is found the true cause and the inexcusable reason for the Klan's existence. A few men, wise enough themselves, realized that the ever-present suspicion of men of one race or creed toward men of opposite belief or birth, could be used to swell the purses of those who could foment race and religious antagonism.

Then came the corrupt, grasping, unscrupulous organizers. To the Protestant, they told terrible, awe-inspiring tales of the threatening menace of the Catholic church—they painted lurid pictures of the negro controlling America; they lied about the secret aims of the Jew; they pictured hordes of foreign-born men and women sweeping the nation—bringing with them all the filth and corruption of the old world.

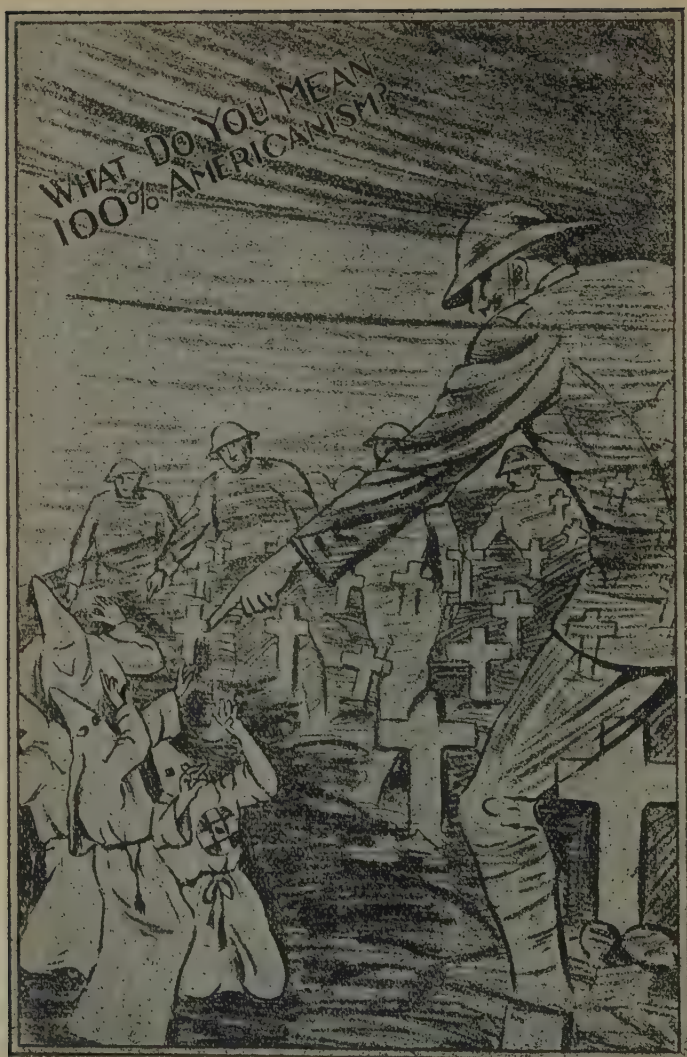
All arguments of the Klan have been worn threadbare by repetition. There has never been a single valid argument to support the existence of the organization.

Here is an order founded upon the principle that only native-born, white, Protestants, are "good Americans." Here is the Klansman who talks intolerance and racial hatred and still claims to be one hundred per cent American—in a nation built upon the ever abiding rock of equal rights for all, regardless of race or creed or color.

The outstanding conclusion, in looking over the history of the Klan, is that those who are at the helm are there for the sole purpose of fattening their purses, or gaining political power.

This history of the Klan, based upon original and authentic documents, ~~many~~ many of which are reproduced herein, accomplishes its purpose, if it gives you pause for thought. The American people, given time to think, have never wavered from the right and have never fallen from those glorious heights of citizenship, the foundation of which is the CONSTITUTION of the UNITED STATES, and they will not fall now into the MAELSTROM of Klanism.

Turn, again, now to page 142 and re-read section 1 of the Constitution of the Ku Klux Klan, and then please read the CONSTITUTION of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA. Ask yourself, "How can I swear allegiance to both and still be a one hundred per cent American citizen?" There is but one answer—YOU CAN'T.



"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."—*Abraham Lincoln.*

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